

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to licenses to carry concealed weapons  
 3           or firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; reducing the  
 4           number of years that such licenses are valid;  
 5           requiring that certain persons successfully  
 6           demonstrate firearms proficiency through a specified  
 7           course to obtain a license; providing course  
 8           requirements; providing an effective date.

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 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 12           Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraph (h) of subsection  
 13           (2) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14           790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

15           (1) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is  
 16 authorized to issue licenses to carry concealed weapons or  
 17 concealed firearms to persons qualified as provided in this  
 18 section. Each such license must bear a color photograph of the  
 19 licensee. For the purposes of this section, concealed weapons or  
 20 concealed firearms are defined as a handgun, electronic weapon  
 21 or device, tear gas gun, knife, or billie, but the term does not  
 22 include a machine gun as defined in s. 790.001(9). Such licenses  
 23 shall be valid throughout the state for a period of 4 7 years  
 24 after ~~from~~ the date of issuance. Any person in compliance with  
 25 the terms of such license may carry a concealed weapon or

26 | concealed firearm notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ s. 790.01.  
 27 | The licensee must carry the license, together with valid  
 28 | identification, at all times in which the licensee is in actual  
 29 | possession of a concealed weapon or firearm and must display  
 30 | both the license and proper identification upon demand by a law  
 31 | enforcement officer. Violations of ~~the provisions of~~ this  
 32 | subsection shall constitute a noncriminal violation with a  
 33 | penalty of \$25, payable to the clerk of the court.

34 | (2) The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
 35 | shall issue a license if the applicant:

36 | (h) Demonstrates competence with a firearm through the  
 37 | satisfaction of the following requirements ~~by any one of the~~  
 38 | ~~following:~~

39 | 1.a. Completion of any of the following instructional  
 40 | courses:

41 | (I) Any hunter education or hunter safety course approved  
 42 | by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or a similar  
 43 | agency of another state;

44 | ~~(II) 2. Completion of~~ Any National Rifle Association  
 45 | firearms safety or training course;

46 | ~~(III) 3. Completion of~~ Any firearms safety or training  
 47 | course or class available to the general public offered by a law  
 48 | enforcement agency, junior college, college, or private or  
 49 | public institution or organization or firearms training school,  
 50 | using instructors certified by the National Rifle Association,

51 Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission, or ~~the~~  
 52 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;

53 (IV)4. ~~Completion of~~ Any law enforcement firearms safety  
 54 or training course or class offered for security guards,  
 55 investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision  
 56 of a law enforcement agency or security enforcement; or

57 ~~5. Presents evidence of equivalent experience with a~~  
 58 ~~firearm through participation in organized shooting competition~~  
 59 ~~or military service;~~

60 ~~6. Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in~~  
 61 ~~this state or a county or municipality of this state, unless~~  
 62 ~~such license has been revoked for cause; or~~

63 (V)7. ~~Completion of~~ Any firearms training or safety  
 64 course or class conducted by a state-certified or National Rifle  
 65 Association certified firearms instructor. ~~7~~

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 67 A photocopy of a certificate of completion of any of the courses  
 68 or classes; an affidavit from the instructor, school, club,  
 69 organization, or group that conducted or taught such course or  
 70 class attesting to the completion of the course or class by the  
 71 applicant; or a copy of any document that shows completion of  
 72 the course or class or evidences participation in firearms  
 73 competition shall constitute evidence of qualification under  
 74 this paragraph.

75 b. Persons who complete an instructional course pursuant

76 to sub-sub-subparagraph a.(I), sub-sub-subparagraph a.(II), sub-  
77 sub-subparagraph a.(III), or sub-sub-subparagraph a.(V) shall  
78 demonstrate their proficiency safely handling and discharging a  
79 firearm through the completion of the following course of fire  
80 proficiency demonstration with a minimum score of 70 percent:

81 (I) Stage one.—Twenty shots must be fired from a distance  
82 of 3 yards, as follows: five shots must be fired in a "one shot  
83 exercise" with 2 seconds allowed for each shot, ten shots must  
84 be fired in a "two shot exercise" with 3 seconds allowed for  
85 each two-shot sequence, and five shots must be fired in 10  
86 seconds.

87 (II) Stage two.—Twenty shots must be fired from a distance  
88 of 7 yards, as follows: five shots must be fired in 10 seconds,  
89 five shots must be fired in two stages: two shots must be fired  
90 in 4 seconds and three shots must be fired in 6 seconds, five  
91 shots must be fired in a "one shot exercise" with 3 seconds  
92 allowed for each shot, and five shots must be fired in 15  
93 seconds.

94 (III) Stage three.—Ten shots must be fired from a distance  
95 of 15 yards, as follows: five shots must be fired in two stages:  
96 two shots must be fired in 6 seconds and three shots must be  
97 fired in 9 seconds, and five shots must be fired in 15 seconds.

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99 All courses of fire proficiency demonstration shall be scored on  
100 a standard B-27 target which must be 24 inches by 45 inches in

101 size. The target shall be scored using the 5, 4, 3 scoring  
102 diagram in the upper left corner of the target. Optical  
103 enhancers may not be used during the course of fire proficiency  
104 demonstration. The course of fire proficiency demonstration must  
105 be completed using live ammunition. Proficiency scores shall be  
106 reported by the course provider or instructor to the Department  
107 of Agriculture and Consumer Services on a form approved by the  
108 department. The course provider or instructor shall maintain  
109 records of the course of fire proficiency demonstration for 3  
110 years certifying that he or she observed the student safely  
111 handle the firearm in his or her presence and complete the  
112 course of fire proficiency demonstration;

113 2. Presents evidence of equivalent experience with a  
114 firearm through participation in an organized shooting  
115 competition or military service; or

116 3. Is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in  
117 this state or a county or municipality of this state, unless  
118 such license has been revoked for cause ~~A person who conducts a~~  
119 ~~course pursuant to subparagraph 2., subparagraph 3., or~~  
120 ~~subparagraph 7., or who, as an instructor, attests to the~~  
121 ~~completion of such courses, must maintain records certifying~~  
122 ~~that he or she observed the student safely handle and discharge~~  
123 ~~the firearm in his or her physical presence and that the~~  
124 ~~discharge of the firearm included live fire using a firearm and~~  
125 ~~ammunition as defined in s. 790.001;~~

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.