SENATE BILL REPORT HB 1126

As Reported By Senate Committee On: Judiciary, March 21, 2007

Title: An act relating to late renewal penalties for concealed pistol licenses.

Brief Description: Changing late renewal penalty provisions for concealed pistol licenses.

Sponsors: Representatives Morrell, McDonald, Green, Takko, Ericks, Eickmeyer, Sells, Blake, Moeller, Flannigan, Conway, Linville, Kenney and Williams.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/12/07, 95-0. **Committee Activity:** Judiciary: 3/16/07, 3/21/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kline, Chair; Tom, Vice Chair; McCaslin, Ranking Minority Member; Carrell, Hargrove, Murray, Roach and Weinstein.

Staff: Juliana Roe (786-7405)

Background: A concealed pistol license (CPL) is required when an individual carries a pistol concealed on his or her person. The fee for an initial CPL is \$36 and it is valid for five years. The renewal fee for a CPL is \$32, and an application for renewal may be made up to 90 days before or after the expiration date of the CPL. A renewal made after the expiration of the CPL carries a \$10 penalty in addition to the renewal fee.

Summary of Bill: The \$10 penalty, for renewal of a CPL after expiration, does not apply to members of the armed forces who are serving outside the state of Washington when his or her CPL expires. Application for renewal must be made within 90 days of returning to Washington state.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: This bill takes away the late fee penalty for those in the armed services. It recognizes that service members serving overseas are not here

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to take care of administrative details and allows them to focus on the task at hand. It impacts 12-15 people per year.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Representative Morrell, prime sponsor; Joe Waldron, Citizens Committee for Right to Keep and Bear Arms, Gun Owners Association League of Washington.