

EHB 2519 - CONF REPT
By Conference Committee

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 9.41.345 and 2015 c 130 s 2 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Before a law enforcement agency returns a privately owned
6 firearm, the law enforcement agency must:

7 (a) Confirm that the individual to whom the firearm will be
8 returned is the individual from whom the firearm was obtained or an
9 authorized representative of that person;

10 (b) Confirm that the individual to whom the firearm will be
11 returned is eligible to possess a firearm pursuant to RCW 9.41.040;

12 (c) Ensure that the firearm is not otherwise required to be held
13 in custody or otherwise prohibited from being released; and

14 (d) Ensure that twenty-four hours have elapsed from the time the
15 firearm was obtained by law enforcement.

16 (2)(a) Once the requirements in subsections (1) and (3) of this
17 section have been met, a law enforcement agency must release a
18 firearm to the individual from whom it was obtained or an authorized
19 representative of that person upon request without unnecessary delay.

20 (b)(i) If a firearm cannot be returned because it is required to
21 be held in custody or is otherwise prohibited from being released, a
22 law enforcement agency must provide written notice to the individual
23 from whom it was obtained within five business days of the individual
24 requesting return of his or her firearm and specify the reason the
25 firearm must be held in custody.

26 (ii) Notification may be made via email, text message, mail
27 service, or personal service. For methods other than personal
28 service, service shall be considered complete once the notification
29 is sent.

30 (3) If a family or household member has requested to be notified
31 pursuant to RCW 9.41.340, a law enforcement agency must:

1 (a) Provide notice to the family or household member within one
2 business day of verifying that the requirements in subsection (1) of
3 this section have been met; and

4 (b) Hold the firearm in custody for seventy-two hours from the
5 time notification has been provided.

6 (4)(a) A law enforcement agency may not return a concealed pistol
7 license that has been surrendered to or impounded by the law
8 enforcement agency for any reason to the licensee until the law
9 enforcement agency determines the licensee is eligible to possess a
10 firearm under state and federal law and meets the other eligibility
11 requirements for a concealed pistol license under RCW 9.41.070.

12 (b) A law enforcement agency must release a concealed pistol
13 license to the licensee without unnecessary delay, and in no case
14 longer than five business days, after the law enforcement agency
15 determines the requirements of (a) of this subsection have been met.

16 (5) The provisions of chapter 130, Laws of 2015 and subsection
17 (4) of this section shall not apply to circumstances where a law
18 enforcement officer has momentarily obtained a firearm or concealed
19 pistol license from an individual and would otherwise immediately
20 return the firearm or concealed pistol license to the individual
21 during the same interaction.

22 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.41.070 and 2017 c 282 s 1 and 2017 C 174 s 1 are
23 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

24 (1) The chief of police of a municipality or the sheriff of a
25 county shall within thirty days after the filing of an application of
26 any person, issue a license to such person to carry a pistol
27 concealed on his or her person within this state for five years from
28 date of issue, for the purposes of protection or while engaged in
29 business, sport, or while traveling. However, if the applicant does
30 not have a valid permanent Washington driver's license or Washington
31 state identification card or has not been a resident of the state for
32 the previous consecutive ninety days, the issuing authority shall
33 have up to sixty days after the filing of the application to issue a
34 license. The issuing authority shall not refuse to accept completed
35 applications for concealed pistol licenses during regular business
36 hours.

37 The applicant's constitutional right to bear arms shall not be
38 denied, unless:

1 (a) He or she is ineligible to possess a firearm under the
2 provisions of RCW 9.41.040 or 9.41.045, or is prohibited from
3 possessing a firearm under federal law;

4 (b) The applicant's concealed pistol license is in a revoked
5 status;

6 (c) He or she is under twenty-one years of age;

7 (d) He or she is subject to a court order or injunction regarding
8 firearms pursuant to chapters 7.90, 7.92, or 7.94 RCW, or RCW
9 9A.46.080, 10.14.080, 10.99.040, 10.99.045, 26.09.050, 26.09.060,
10 26.10.040, 26.10.115, 26.26.130, 26.50.060, 26.50.070, or 26.26.590;

11 (e) He or she is free on bond or personal recognizance pending
12 trial, appeal, or sentencing for a felony offense;

13 (f) He or she has an outstanding warrant for his or her arrest
14 from any court of competent jurisdiction for a felony or misdemeanor;
15 or

16 (g) He or she has been ordered to forfeit a firearm under RCW
17 9.41.098(1)(e) within one year before filing an application to carry
18 a pistol concealed on his or her person.

19 No person convicted of a felony may have his or her right to
20 possess firearms restored or his or her privilege to carry a
21 concealed pistol restored, unless the person has been granted relief
22 from disabilities by the attorney general under 18 U.S.C. Sec.
23 925(c), or RCW 9.41.040 (3) or (4) applies.

24 (2)(a) The issuing authority shall conduct a check through the
25 national instant criminal background check system, the Washington
26 state patrol electronic database, the department of social and health
27 services electronic database, and with other agencies or resources as
28 appropriate, to determine whether the applicant is ineligible under
29 RCW 9.41.040 or 9.41.045 to possess a firearm, or is prohibited from
30 possessing a firearm under federal law, and therefore ineligible for
31 a concealed pistol license.

32 (b) The issuing authority shall deny a permit to anyone who is
33 found to be prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal or
34 state law.

35 (c) This subsection applies whether the applicant is applying for
36 a new concealed pistol license or to renew a concealed pistol
37 license.

38 (3) Any person whose firearms rights have been restricted and who
39 has been granted relief from disabilities by the attorney general
40 under 18 U.S.C. Sec. 925(c) or who is exempt under 18 U.S.C. Sec.

1 921(a)(20)(A) shall have his or her right to acquire, receive,
2 transfer, ship, transport, carry, and possess firearms in accordance
3 with Washington state law restored except as otherwise prohibited by
4 this chapter.

5 (4) The license application shall bear the full name, residential
6 address, telephone number at the option of the applicant, email
7 address at the option of the applicant, date and place of birth,
8 race, gender, description, a complete set of fingerprints, and
9 signature of the licensee, and the licensee's driver's license number
10 or state identification card number if used for identification in
11 applying for the license. A signed application for a concealed pistol
12 license shall constitute a waiver of confidentiality and written
13 request that the department of social and health services, mental
14 health institutions, and other health care facilities release
15 information relevant to the applicant's eligibility for a concealed
16 pistol license to an inquiring court or law enforcement agency.

17 The application for an original license shall include a complete
18 set of fingerprints to be forwarded to the Washington state patrol.

19 The license and application shall contain a warning substantially
20 as follows:

21 CAUTION: Although state and local laws do not differ, federal
22 law and state law on the possession of firearms differ. If
23 you are prohibited by federal law from possessing a firearm,
24 you may be prosecuted in federal court. A state license is
25 not a defense to a federal prosecution.

26 The license shall contain a description of the major differences
27 between state and federal law and an explanation of the fact that
28 local laws and ordinances on firearms are preempted by state law and
29 must be consistent with state law.

30 The application shall contain questions about the applicant's
31 eligibility under RCW 9.41.040 and federal law to possess a pistol,
32 the applicant's place of birth, and whether the applicant is a United
33 States citizen. If the applicant is not a United States citizen, the
34 applicant must provide the applicant's country of citizenship, United
35 States issued alien number or admission number, and the basis on
36 which the applicant claims to be exempt from federal prohibitions on
37 firearm possession by aliens. The applicant shall not be required to
38 produce a birth certificate or other evidence of citizenship. A
39 person who is not a citizen of the United States shall, if

1 applicable, meet the additional requirements of RCW 9.41.173 and
2 produce proof of compliance with RCW 9.41.173 upon application. The
3 license may be in triplicate or in a form to be prescribed by the
4 department of licensing.

5 A photograph of the applicant may be required as part of the
6 application and printed on the face of the license.

7 The original thereof shall be delivered to the licensee, the
8 duplicate shall within seven days be sent to the director of
9 licensing and the triplicate shall be preserved for six years, by the
10 authority issuing the license.

11 The department of licensing shall make available to law
12 enforcement and corrections agencies, in an on-line format, all
13 information received under this subsection.

14 (5) The nonrefundable fee, paid upon application, for the
15 original five-year license shall be thirty-six dollars plus
16 additional charges imposed by the federal bureau of investigation
17 that are passed on to the applicant. No other state or local branch
18 or unit of government may impose any additional charges on the
19 applicant for the issuance of the license.

20 The fee shall be distributed as follows:

21 (a) Fifteen dollars shall be paid to the state general fund;

22 (b) Four dollars shall be paid to the agency taking the
23 fingerprints of the person licensed;

24 (c) Fourteen dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for
25 the purpose of enforcing this chapter;

26 (d) Two dollars and sixteen cents to the firearms range account
27 in the general fund; and

28 (e) Eighty-four cents to the concealed pistol license renewal
29 notification account created in RCW 43.79.540.

30 (6) The nonrefundable fee for the renewal of such license shall
31 be thirty-two dollars. No other branch or unit of government may
32 impose any additional charges on the applicant for the renewal of the
33 license.

34 The renewal fee shall be distributed as follows:

35 (a) Fifteen dollars shall be paid to the state general fund;

36 (b) Fourteen dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for
37 the purpose of enforcing this chapter;

38 (c) Two dollars and sixteen cents to the firearms range account
39 in the general fund; and

1 (d) Eighty-four cents to the concealed pistol license renewal
2 notification account created in RCW 43.79.540.

3 (7) The nonrefundable fee for replacement of lost or damaged
4 licenses is ten dollars to be paid to the issuing authority.

5 (8) Payment shall be by cash, check, or money order at the option
6 of the applicant. Additional methods of payment may be allowed at the
7 option of the issuing authority.

8 (9)(a) A licensee may renew a license if the licensee applies for
9 renewal within ninety days before or after the expiration date of the
10 license. A license so renewed shall take effect on the expiration
11 date of the prior license. A licensee renewing after the expiration
12 date of the license must pay a late renewal penalty of ten dollars in
13 addition to the renewal fee specified in subsection (6) of this
14 section. The fee shall be distributed as follows:

15 (i) Three dollars shall be deposited in the state wildlife
16 account and used exclusively first for the printing and distribution
17 of a pamphlet on the legal limits of the use of firearms, firearms
18 safety, and the preemptive nature of state law, and subsequently the
19 support of volunteer instructors in the basic firearms safety
20 training program conducted by the department of fish and wildlife.
21 The pamphlet shall be given to each applicant for a license; and

22 (ii) Seven dollars shall be paid to the issuing authority for the
23 purpose of enforcing this chapter.

24 (b) Beginning with concealed pistol licenses that expire on or
25 after August 1, 2018, the department of licensing shall mail a
26 renewal notice approximately ninety days before the license
27 expiration date to the licensee at the address listed on the
28 concealed pistol license application, or to the licensee's new
29 address if the licensee has notified the department of licensing of a
30 change of address. Alternatively, if the licensee provides an email
31 address at the time of license application, the department of
32 licensing may send the renewal notice to the licensee's email
33 address. The notice must contain the date the concealed pistol
34 license will expire, the amount of renewal fee, the penalty for late
35 renewal, and instructions on how to renew the license.

36 (10) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1) through
37 (9) of this section, the chief of police of the municipality or the
38 sheriff of the county of the applicant's residence may issue a
39 temporary emergency license for good cause pending review under
40 subsection (1) of this section. However, a temporary emergency

1 license issued under this subsection shall not exempt the holder of
2 the license from any records check requirement. Temporary emergency
3 licenses shall be easily distinguishable from regular licenses.

4 (11) A political subdivision of the state shall not modify the
5 requirements of this section or chapter, nor may a political
6 subdivision ask the applicant to voluntarily submit any information
7 not required by this section.

8 (12) A person who knowingly makes a false statement regarding
9 citizenship or identity on an application for a concealed pistol
10 license is guilty of false swearing under RCW 9A.72.040. In addition
11 to any other penalty provided for by law, the concealed pistol
12 license of a person who knowingly makes a false statement shall be
13 revoked, and the person shall be permanently ineligible for a
14 concealed pistol license.

15 (13) A person may apply for a concealed pistol license:

16 (a) To the municipality or to the county in which the applicant
17 resides if the applicant resides in a municipality;

18 (b) To the county in which the applicant resides if the applicant
19 resides in an unincorporated area; or

20 (c) Anywhere in the state if the applicant is a nonresident.

21 (14) Any person who, as a member of the armed forces, including
22 the national guard and armed forces reserves, is unable to renew his
23 or her license under subsections (6) and (9) of this section because
24 of the person's assignment, reassignment, or deployment for out-of-
25 state military service may renew his or her license within ninety
26 days after the person returns to this state from out-of-state
27 military service, if the person provides the following to the issuing
28 authority no later than ninety days after the person's date of
29 discharge or assignment, reassignment, or deployment back to this
30 state: (a) A copy of the person's original order designating the
31 specific period of assignment, reassignment, or deployment for out-
32 of-state military service, and (b) if appropriate, a copy of the
33 person's discharge or amended or subsequent assignment, reassignment,
34 or deployment order back to this state. A license so renewed under
35 this subsection (14) shall take effect on the expiration date of the
36 prior license. A licensee renewing after the expiration date of the
37 license under this subsection (14) shall pay only the renewal fee
38 specified in subsection (6) of this section and shall not be required
39 to pay a late renewal penalty in addition to the renewal fee."

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1 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "requirements;" strike the
2 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 9.41.345; and
3 reenacting and amending RCW 9.41.070."

EFFECT: Requires law enforcement to return a surrendered CPL within five business days of determining the licensee is eligible for the return of the CPL. Removes provisions allowing active duty members of the United States armed forces, members of the reserves or National Guard, and honorably discharged veterans who are at least 18 years of age to possess pistols and obtain a concealed pistol license. Allows a law enforcement agency to take the photo of an applicant for a concealed pistol license and print the licensee's photo on the face of the license.

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