

FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 1965

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Standardizing the collection and distribution of criminal records.

Sponsors: Representatives Lovick and Irwin; by request of Washington State Patrol.

House Committee on Judiciary
Senate Committee on Law & Justice

Background:

Firearms Licenses.

A person must have a valid concealed pistol license in order to carry a concealed pistol. To obtain a concealed pistol license, a person must apply with the local law enforcement agency, meet certain eligibility requirements, and undergo a fingerprint-based background check to determine whether the applicant is eligible to possess firearms. The license application must include two complete sets of the applicant's fingerprints.

It is unlawful for a person who is a nonimmigrant alien to possess a firearm in the state unless the person has an alien firearm license. A nonimmigrant alien residing in Washington may apply for an alien firearm license with the local sheriff's office in the county where the applicant resides. The sheriff may issue an alien firearm license to the applicant for the purpose of hunting or sport shooting after conducting a fingerprint-based background check and determining that the applicant is not ineligible to possess firearms and meets other eligibility requirements. The application for an alien firearm license must include not more than two complete sets of the applicant's fingerprints.

Sex Offender and Kidnapping Offender Registration.

Any adult or juvenile who is convicted of, or found to have committed, any sex offense or kidnapping offense must register with the county sheriff in the county of the person's residence, or if the person is not a resident of the state, in the county of the person's school or place of employment or vocation in the state. A person who is required to register must provide specified information, including the person's residence or location where the person will stay, place of employment, crime for which convicted, date and place of conviction, photograph, and fingerprints. The person may be required to update this information with any address verification conducted by the sheriff. A photograph or copy of the person's fingerprints may be taken at any time to update a person's registration file.

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Summary:

License applications for concealed pistol licenses and alien firearm licenses require only one set of fingerprints.

A copy of the palm prints of a person required to register based on a sex offense or kidnapping offense may be taken at any time to update the individual's registration file.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	98	0	
Senate	45	0	(Senate amended)
House	96	0	(House concurred)

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