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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 571.111, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to firearms safety training, with a penalty provision.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 571.111, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 571.111, to read as follows:

571.111. 1. An applicant for a concealed carry endorsement shall demonstrate knowledge of firearms safety training. This requirement shall be fully satisfied if the applicant for a concealed carry endorsement:

(1) Submits a photocopy of a certificate of firearms safety training course completion, as defined in subsection 2 of this section, signed by a qualified firearms safety instructor as defined in subsection 5 of this section; or

(2) Submits a photocopy of a certificate that shows the applicant completed a firearms safety course given by or under the supervision of any state, county, municipal, or federal law enforcement agency; or

(3) Is a qualified firearms safety instructor as defined in subsection 5 of this section; **or**

(4) Submits proof that the applicant currently holds any type of valid peace officer license issued under the requirements of chapter 590, RSMo; or

(5) Submits proof that the applicant is currently allowed to carry firearms in accordance with the certification requirements of section 217.710, RSMo; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 **(6) Submits proof that the applicant is currently certified as any class of corrections**
16 **officer by the Missouri department of corrections and has passed at least one eight-hour**
17 **firearms training course, approved by the director of the Missouri department of**
18 **corrections under the authority granted to him or her by section 217.105, RSMo, that**
19 **includes instruction on the justifiable use of force as prescribed in chapter 563, RSMo.**

20 2. A certificate of firearms safety training course completion may be issued to any
21 applicant by any qualified firearms safety instructor. On the certificate of course completion the
22 qualified firearms safety instructor shall affirm that the individual receiving instruction has taken
23 and passed a firearms safety course of at least eight hours in length taught by the instructor that
24 included:

25 (1) Handgun safety in the classroom, at home, on the firing range and while carrying the
26 firearm;

27 (2) A physical demonstration performed by the applicant that demonstrated his or her
28 ability to safely load and unload a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol and demonstrated his or
29 her marksmanship with both;

30 (3) The basic principles of marksmanship;

31 (4) Care and cleaning of concealable firearms;

32 (5) Safe storage of firearms at home;

33 (6) The requirements of this state for obtaining a certificate of qualification for a
34 concealed carry endorsement from the sheriff of the individual's county of residence and a
35 concealed carry endorsement issued by the department of revenue;

36 (7) The laws relating to firearms as prescribed in this chapter;

37 (8) The laws relating to the justifiable use of force as prescribed in chapter 563, RSMo;

38 (9) A live firing exercise of sufficient duration for each applicant to fire a handgun, from
39 a standing position or its equivalent, a minimum of fifty rounds at a distance of seven yards from
40 a B-27 silhouette target or an equivalent target;

41 (10) A live fire test administered to the applicant while the instructor was present of
42 twenty rounds from a standing position or its equivalent at a distance from a B-27 silhouette
43 target, or an equivalent target, of seven yards.

44 3. A qualified firearms safety instructor shall not give a grade of "passing" to an
45 applicant for a concealed carry endorsement who:

46 (1) Does not follow the orders of the qualified firearms instructor or cognizant range
47 officer; or

48 (2) Handles a firearm in a manner that, in the judgment of the qualified firearm safety
49 instructor, poses a danger to the applicant or to others; or

50 (3) During the live fire testing portion of the course fails to hit the silhouette portion of
51 the targets with at least fifteen rounds.

52 4. Qualified firearms safety instructors who provide firearms safety instruction to any
53 person who applies for a concealed carry endorsement shall:

54 (1) Make the applicant's course records available upon request to the sheriff of the
55 county in which the applicant resides;

56 (2) Maintain all course records on students for a period of no less than four years from
57 course completion date; and

58 (3) Not have more than forty students in the classroom portion of the course or more than
59 five students per range officer engaged in range firing.

60 5. A firearms safety instructor shall be considered to be a qualified firearms safety
61 instructor by any sheriff issuing a certificate of qualification for a concealed carry endorsement
62 pursuant to sections 571.101 to 571.121 if the instructor:

63 (1) Is a valid firearms safety instructor certified by the National Rifle Association
64 holding a rating as a personal protection instructor or pistol marksmanship instructor; or

65 (2) Submits a photocopy of a certificate from a firearms safety instructor's course offered
66 by a local, state, or federal governmental agency; or

67 (3) Submits a photocopy of a certificate from a firearms safety instructor course
68 approved by the department of public safety; or

69 (4) Has successfully completed a firearms safety instructor course given by or under the
70 supervision of any state, county, municipal, or federal law enforcement agency; or

71 (5) Is a certified police officer firearms safety instructor.

72 6. Any firearms safety instructor who knowingly provides any sheriff with false
73 information concerning an applicant's performance on the live fire exercise or test administered
74 to the applicant by the instructor pursuant to subdivision (9) or (10) of subsection 2 of this
75 section shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor.

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