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AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE FEE
3 AND FIREARMS TRAINING COURSE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONCEALED
4 HANDGUN CARRY ACT FOR CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE NEW MEXICO
5 MOUNTED PATROL AND CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE PERSONS; PROVIDING
6 FOR BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS APPLYING
7 FOR CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSES.
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

10 SECTION 1. Section 29-19-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005,
11 Chapter 242, Section 7) is amended to read:

12 "29-19-14. CURRENT AND RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS
13 AND NEW MEXICO MOUNTED PATROL MEMBERS.--

14 A. An application fee, a renewal fee and a
15 firearms training course are not required for an applicant or
16 licensee who is:

17 (1) a current or retired certified law
18 enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
19 Act; or

20 (2) a current member of the New Mexico
21 mounted patrol who has successfully completed a law
22 enforcement academy basic law enforcement training program for
23 New Mexico mounted patrol members pursuant to Section 29-6-4.1
24 NMSA 1978.

25 B. A law enforcement officer or New Mexico mounted

1 patrol member shall submit to the department two full sets of
2 fingerprints and a color photograph of the law enforcement
3 officer or New Mexico mounted patrol member. The department
4 shall conduct an appropriate check of available records and
5 shall forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of
6 investigation for a national criminal background check.

7 C. A retired law enforcement officer is not
8 required to submit an application fee or a renewal fee if:

9 (1) the officer was a certified law
10 enforcement officer pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training
11 Act for at least fifteen years prior to retirement; and

12 (2) the retirement is in good standing as
13 shown by a letter from the agency from which the officer
14 retired.

15 D. A retired law enforcement officer who has been
16 retired ten years or less is not required to complete a
17 firearms training course.

18 E. A retired law enforcement officer who has been
19 retired for more than ten years shall be required to complete
20 a firearms training course. The officer shall be allowed to
21 attend any local law enforcement agency's firearms
22 qualification course; provided that the officer supplies the
23 officer's own ammunition, handgun, targets and range
24 equipment. A local law enforcement agency shall not be liable
25 under the Tort Claims Act for providing a firearms training

1 course to a retired law enforcement officer pursuant to this
2 subsection.

3 F. A retired law enforcement officer's concealed
4 handgun license shall have printed on the license "retired
5 police officer" and shall be valid for a period of five
6 years."

7 SECTION 2. A new section of the Concealed Handgun Carry
8 Act is enacted to read:

9 "MILITARY SERVICE PERSONS--REQUIREMENTS.--

10 A. For a concealed handgun license applicant or
11 licensee who submits with a concealed handgun license
12 application documentation satisfactory to the department that
13 the applicant is a military service person as defined in
14 Subsection E of this section, an application fee or renewal
15 fee is not required. For a military service person discharged
16 from military service within twenty years of the application
17 for a license or renewal of a license, a firearms training
18 course or refresher firearms training course is not required.

19 B. A military service person shall submit to the
20 department two full sets of fingerprints and a color
21 photograph of the military service person. The department
22 shall conduct an appropriate check of available records and
23 shall forward the fingerprints to the federal bureau of
24 investigation for a national criminal background check.

25 C. A military service person's concealed handgun

1 carry license shall have printed on the license "military
2 service person" and shall be valid for a period of five years.

3 D. The department shall suspend or revoke a
4 military service person's concealed handgun license if:

5 (1) the military service person provided the
6 department with false information on the application form or
7 renewal form;

8 (2) the military service person did not
9 satisfy the criteria for issuance of a concealed handgun
10 license at the time the license was issued; or


11 (3) subsequent to receiving a concealed
12 handgun license, the military service person violated a
13 provision of the Concealed Handgun Carry Act.


14 E. As used in this section, "military service
15 person" means a person who was accepted into the United States
16 armed forces and:

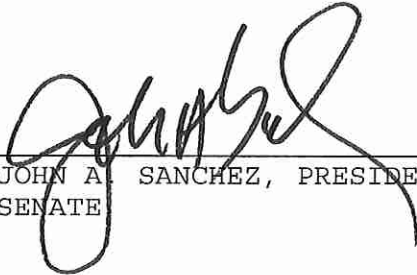
17 (1) is on active duty with the United States
18 armed forces;

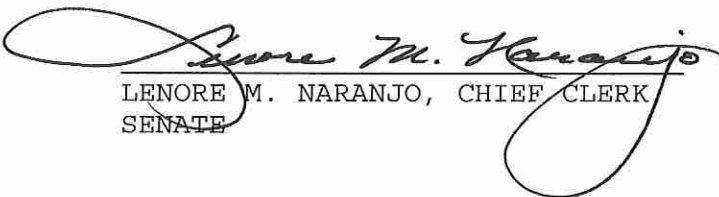
19 (2) is on reserve or guard duty with the
20 United States armed forces; or

21 (3) is a veteran or a retiree who received
22 an honorable discharge as indicated on a United States
23 department of defense form 214." _____

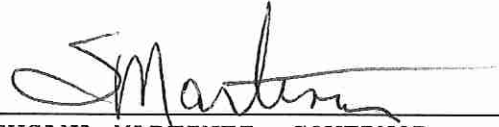

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