

Sixty-first  
Legislative Assembly  
of North Dakota

**ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2415**

Introduced by

Senators Triplett, J. Lee, Miller

Representatives Gruchalla, Porter

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,  
2 relating to a reciprocal licensure to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-04-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **62.1-04-03. License to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed.**

- 7 1. The chief of the bureau of criminal investigation shall issue a license to carry a  
8 firearm or dangerous weapon concealed upon review of an application submitted  
9 to the chief if the following criteria are met:
- 10 a. The applicant has a valid reason for carrying the firearm or dangerous  
11 weapon concealed, including self-protection, protection of others, or  
12 work-related needs.
  - 13 b. The applicant is not a person specified in section 62.1-02-01.
  - 14 c. The applicant has the written approval for the issuance of a license from the  
15 sheriff of the applicant's county of residence, and, if the city has one, the chief  
16 of police or a designee of the city in which the applicant resides. The  
17 approval by the sheriff may not be given until the applicant has successfully  
18 completed a background investigation in that county and has attended a  
19 testing procedure conducted pursuant to rules adopted by the attorney  
20 general. The testing procedure for approval of a concealed weapons license  
21 must be an open book test to be given from a manual that sets forth weapon  
22 safety rules and the deadly force law of North Dakota, including judicial  
23 decisions and attorney general opinions. A weapons instructor certified by  
24 the attorney general shall conduct the testing procedure. The attorney

1                   general shall develop rules that ensure that this testing will be conducted.

2                   The person conducting the testing may assess a charge of up to twenty-five  
3                   dollars for conducting this testing. The testing procedure is not required for a  
4                   renewal of a concealed weapons license.

5                   d. The applicant satisfactorily completes the bureau of criminal investigation  
6                   application form and has successfully passed a background investigation or  
7                   criminal records check conducted by that agency.

8                   e. The applicant is not prohibited under federal law from owning, possessing, or  
9                   having a firearm under that person's control.

10                  2. The sheriff is required to process the application within thirty days after the  
11                  completion of the testing portion unless the application is for renewal of a license  
12                  and in such case the application must be processed within thirty days after its  
13                  receipt by the sheriff, the chief of police is required to process the application  
14                  within ten working days of receipt by the agency, and the bureau of criminal  
15                  investigation is required to process the application and make a determination  
16                  within thirty days of receipt from the forwarding agency.

17                  3. The license fee for a concealed weapons license is twenty-five dollars. Ten dollars  
18                  of this fee must be credited to the state general fund and fifteen dollars of this fee  
19                  must be credited to the attorney general's operating fund up to a total of  
20                  seventy-five thousand dollars each biennium. Any collections from fifteen dollars  
21                  of this fee in excess of the seventy-five thousand dollars credited to the attorney  
22                  general's operating fund each biennium must be credited to the state general fund.  
23                  The license fee must be paid before the license is issued by the director of the  
24                  bureau of criminal investigation.

25                  4. The chief of the bureau of criminal investigation shall prescribe the form of the  
26                  application and license, which must include the name, address, description, a  
27                  photograph, and the signature of the individual. The application form must require  
28                  sufficient information to properly conduct a background investigation and be  
29                  accompanied by two sets of classifiable fingerprints. The two sets of classifiable  
30                  fingerprints are not required for a renewal of a concealed weapons license. The  
31                  license is valid for ~~three~~ five years. The license must be prepared in triplicate, and

the original must be delivered to the licensee, the duplicate must be sent by mail, within seven days after issuance, to the sheriff of the county in which the applicant resides, and the triplicate must be preserved for six years by the chief. In those cases in which the licensee resides in a city, an additional copy of the license must be made and sent by mail, within seven days after issuance, to the chief of police of the city in which the applicant resides. The individual shall notify the chief of the bureau of criminal investigation of any change of address or any other material fact which would affect the restrictions on or the need for the license.

5. The chief of the bureau of criminal investigation may deny an application or revoke or cancel a license after it has been granted for any material misstatement by an applicant in an application for the license or any violation of this title.

6. The applicant may appeal a denial or revocation of this license to the district court of the applicant's county of residence.

7. Information collected from an applicant under this section is confidential information. However, the information may be disclosed:

a. To a governmental agency or court for a law enforcement purpose, including the investigation, prosecution, or punishment of a violation of law.

b. To a court to aid in a decision concerning sentence, probation, or release pending trial or appeal.

c. Pursuant to a court order or a judicial, legislative, or administrative agency subpoena issued in this state.

8. The attorney general may adopt rules to carry out this title.

9. The attorney general shall adopt by rule written and practical training and testing for an alternative license so that the license is offered reciprocity or is otherwise valid in as many states as possible. The alternative license is valid for five years. The rules must allow a resident of another state to apply for a license in this state. Except when there is a conflict with this subsection, the provisions of this section apply to this subsection. The provisions as to testing, approval of license, and delivery of license to the sheriff and chief of police of a city as to nonresidents, and as to court jurisdiction as to nonresidents do not apply to this subsection. A nonresident may appeal the denial or revocation of an alternative license to any

- 1 district court. If any other change to the law is needed to increase reciprocity or
- 2 the validity of the license in other states, the attorney general shall recommend
- 3 appropriate legislation to the next regular session of the legislative assembly.