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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver.

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COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits pistol/revolver license application forms from requesting employment, personal references, or record disclosure information beyond what was required on the December 2009 version of form DSSP 85.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

AN ACT relative to applications for licenses to carry a loaded pistol or revolver.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Purpose. The general court finds that the pistol/revolver license application process must
2 protect the privacy and constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens. This act ensures that the form
3 used by licensing authorities collects only the information required by law and does not compel
4 applicants to waive rights not mandated by statute.

5 2 License to Carry. Amend RSA 159:6, I(b) to read as follows:

6 (b) The license shall be in duplicate and shall bear the name, address, description, and
7 signature of the licensee and the name, title, and signature of the person issuing the license. The
8 original shall be delivered to the licensee and the duplicate shall be preserved by the people issuing
9 the same for 5 years. When required, license renewal shall take place within the month of the fifth
10 anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance. The license shall be
11 issued within 14 days after application, and, if such application is denied, the reason for such denial
12 shall be stated in writing, the original of which such writing shall be delivered to the applicant, and
13 a copy kept in the office of the person to whom the application was made. The fee for licenses issued
14 to residents of the state shall be \$10, which fee shall be for the use of the town or city granting said
15 licenses; the fee for licenses granted to out-of-state residents shall be \$100, which fee shall be for the
16 use of the state. The director of state police is hereby authorized and directed to prepare forms for
17 the licenses required under this chapter and forms for the application for such licenses and to supply
18 the same to officials of the cities and towns authorized to issue the licenses. The form shall require
19 no more information than was required on the state of New Hampshire application for
20 pistol/revolver license, form DSSP 85, as revised in December 2009. ***The form shall not request or
21 require disclosure of the applicant's occupation, present employer, employer's address, or
22 personal references. The form shall not contain any consent or release language requiring
23 the applicant to authorize disclosure of personal, employment, medical, psychiatric, or
24 other records beyond what is expressly required on the state of New Hampshire application
25 for pistol/revolver license, form DSSP 85, as revised in December 2009.*** No other forms shall
26 be used by officials of cities and towns. The cost of the forms shall be paid out of the fees received
27 from nonresident licenses.

28 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2027.