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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 357**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Knight**

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An act to amend Section 12050 of the Penal Code, relating to firearms.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 357, as amended, Knight. Firearms: license to carry concealed firearm.

Existing law authorizes the sheriff of a county, *or the chief or other head of a municipal police department* upon proof that the person applying is of good moral character, that good cause exists, and that the person applying satisfies ~~any one of~~ certain conditions *or has been deputized or appointed as a peace officer*, as specified, to issue a license for the person to carry a concealed handgun, as specified.

This bill would delete the good cause requirement, and require the sheriff *or the chief or other head of a municipal police department* to issue the license if the other criteria described above are met.

By imposing additional duties on local law enforcement agencies, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
 State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12050 of the Penal Code is amended to  
 2 read:  
 3 12050. (a) (1) (A) The sheriff of a county, upon proof that  
 4 the person applying is of good moral character and that the person  
 5 applying satisfies any one of the conditions specified in  
 6 subparagraph (D) and has completed a course of training as  
 7 described in subparagraph (E), shall issue to that person a license  
 8 to carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being  
 9 concealed upon the person in either one of the following formats:  
 10 (i) A license to carry concealed a pistol, revolver, or other  
 11 firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.  
 12 (ii) Where the population of the county is less than 200,000  
 13 persons according to the most recent federal decennial census, a  
 14 license to carry loaded and exposed in that county a pistol, revolver,  
 15 or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.  
 16 (B) The chief or other head of a municipal police department  
 17 of any city or city and county, upon proof that the person applying  
 18 is of good moral character, ~~that good cause exists for the issuance,~~  
 19 and that the person applying is a resident of that city and has  
 20 completed a course of training as described in subparagraph (E),  
 21 ~~may shall~~ issue to that person a license to carry a pistol, revolver,  
 22 or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person in  
 23 either one of the following formats:  
 24 (i) A license to carry concealed a pistol, revolver, or other  
 25 firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.  
 26 (ii) Where the population of the county in which the city is  
 27 located is less than 200,000 persons according to the most recent  
 28 federal decennial census, a license to carry loaded and exposed in  
 29 that county a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being  
 30 concealed upon the person.  
 31 (C) The sheriff of a county or the chief or other head of a  
 32 municipal police department of any city or city and county, upon  
 33 proof that the person applying is of good moral character, ~~that~~  
 34 ~~good cause exists for the issuance,~~ and that the person applying is  
 35 a person who has been deputized or appointed as a peace officer

1 pursuant to subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 830.6 by that sheriff  
2 or that chief of police or other head of a municipal police  
3 department, ~~may~~ shall issue to that person a license to carry  
4 concealed a pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being  
5 concealed upon the person. Direct or indirect fees for the issuance  
6 of a license pursuant to this subparagraph may be waived. The fact  
7 that an applicant for a license to carry a pistol, revolver, or other  
8 firearm capable of being concealed upon the person has been  
9 deputized or appointed as a peace officer pursuant to subdivision  
10 (a) or (b) of Section 830.6 shall be considered only for the purpose  
11 of issuing a license pursuant to this subparagraph, and shall not  
12 be considered for the purpose of issuing a license pursuant to  
13 subparagraph (A) or (B).

14 (D) For the purpose of subparagraph (A), the applicant shall  
15 satisfy any one of the following:

- 16 (i) Is a resident of the county or a city within the county.
- 17 (ii) Spends a substantial period of time in the applicant's  
18 principal place of employment or business in the county or a city  
19 within the county.

20 (E) (i) For new license applicants, the course of training may  
21 be any course acceptable to the licensing authority, shall not exceed  
22 16 hours, and shall include instruction on at least firearm safety  
23 and the law regarding the permissible use of a firearm.  
24 Notwithstanding this clause, the licensing authority may require  
25 a community college course certified by the Commission on Peace  
26 Officer Standards and Training, up to a maximum of 24 hours, but  
27 only if required uniformly of all license applicants without  
28 exception.

29 (ii) For license renewal applicants, the course of training may  
30 be any course acceptable to the licensing authority, shall be no  
31 less than four hours, and shall include instruction on at least firearm  
32 safety and the law regarding the permissible use of a firearm. No  
33 course of training shall be required for any person certified by the  
34 licensing authority as a trainer for purposes of this subparagraph,  
35 in order for that person to renew a license issued pursuant to this  
36 section.

37 (2) (A) (i) Except as otherwise provided in clause (ii),  
38 subparagraphs (C) and (D) of this paragraph, and subparagraph  
39 (B) of paragraph (4) of subdivision (f), a license issued pursuant

1 to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) is valid for any period  
2 of time not to exceed two years from the date of the license.

3 (ii) If the licensee's place of employment or business was the  
4 basis for issuance of the license pursuant to subparagraph (A) of  
5 paragraph (1), the license is valid for any period of time not to  
6 exceed 90 days from the date of the license. The license shall be  
7 valid only in the county in which the license was originally issued.  
8 The licensee shall give a copy of this license to the licensing  
9 authority of the city, county, or city and county in which he or she  
10 resides. The licensing authority that originally issued the license  
11 shall inform the licensee verbally and in writing in at least 16-point  
12 type of this obligation to give a copy of the license to the licensing  
13 authority of the city, county, or city and county of residence. Any  
14 application to renew or extend the validity of, or reissue, the license  
15 may be granted only upon the concurrence of the licensing  
16 authority that originally issued the license and the licensing  
17 authority of the city, county, or city and county in which the  
18 licensee resides.

19 (B) A license issued pursuant to subparagraph (C) of paragraph  
20 (1) to a peace officer appointed pursuant to Section 830.6 is valid  
21 for any period of time not to exceed four years from the date of  
22 the license, except that the license shall be invalid upon the  
23 conclusion of the person's appointment pursuant to Section 830.6  
24 if the four-year period has not otherwise expired or any other  
25 condition imposed pursuant to this section does not limit the  
26 validity of the license to a shorter time period.

27 (C) A license issued pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
28 paragraph (1) is valid for any period of time not to exceed three  
29 years from the date of the license if the license is issued to any of  
30 the following individuals:

31 (i) A judge of a California court of record.

32 (ii) A full-time court commissioner of a California court of  
33 record.

34 (iii) A judge of a federal court.

35 (iv) A magistrate of a federal court.

36 (D) A license issued pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of  
37 paragraph (1) is valid for any period of time not to exceed four  
38 years from the date of the license if the license is issued to a  
39 custodial officer who is an employee of the sheriff as provided in  
40 Section 831.5, except that the license shall be invalid upon the

1 conclusion of the person’s employment pursuant to Section 831.5  
2 if the four-year period has not otherwise expired or any other  
3 condition imposed pursuant to this section does not limit the  
4 validity of the license to a shorter time period.

5 (3) For purposes of this subdivision, a city or county may be  
6 considered an applicant’s “principal place of employment or  
7 business” only if the applicant is physically present in the  
8 jurisdiction during a substantial part of his or her working hours  
9 for purposes of that employment or business.

10 (b) A license may include any reasonable restrictions or  
11 conditions which the issuing authority deems warranted, including  
12 restrictions as to the time, place, manner, and circumstances under  
13 which the person may carry a pistol, revolver, or other firearm  
14 capable of being concealed upon the person.

15 (c) Any restrictions imposed pursuant to subdivision (b) shall  
16 be indicated on any license issued.

17 (d) A license shall not be issued if the Department of Justice  
18 determines that the person is prohibited by state or federal law  
19 from possessing, receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm.

20 (e) (1) The license shall be revoked by the local licensing  
21 authority if at any time either the local licensing authority is  
22 notified by the Department of Justice that a licensee is prohibited  
23 by state or federal law from owning or purchasing firearms, or the  
24 local licensing authority determines that the person is prohibited  
25 by state or federal law from possessing, receiving, owning, or  
26 purchasing a firearm.

27 (2) If at any time the Department of Justice determines that a  
28 licensee is prohibited by state or federal law from possessing,  
29 receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm, the department shall  
30 immediately notify the local licensing authority of the  
31 determination.

32 (3) If the local licensing authority revokes the license, the  
33 Department of Justice shall be notified of the revocation pursuant  
34 to Section 12053. The licensee shall also be immediately notified  
35 of the revocation in writing.

36 (f) (1) A person issued a license pursuant to this section may  
37 apply to the licensing authority for an amendment to the license  
38 to do one or more of the following:

39 (A) Add or delete authority to carry a particular pistol, revolver,  
40 or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

1 (B) Authorize the licensee to carry concealed a pistol, revolver,  
2 or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

3 (C) If the population of the county is less than 200,000 persons  
4 according to the most recent federal decennial census, authorize  
5 the licensee to carry loaded and exposed in that county a pistol,  
6 revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the  
7 person.

8 (D) Change any restrictions or conditions on the license,  
9 including restrictions as to the time, place, manner, and  
10 circumstances under which the person may carry a pistol, revolver,  
11 or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person.

12 (2) When the licensee changes his or her address, the license  
13 shall be amended to reflect the new address and a new license shall  
14 be issued pursuant to paragraph (3).

15 (3) If the licensing authority amends the license, a new license  
16 shall be issued to the licensee reflecting the amendments.

17 (4) (A) The licensee shall notify the licensing authority in  
18 writing within 10 days of any change in the licensee's place of  
19 residence.

20 (B) If the license is one to carry concealed a pistol, revolver, or  
21 other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person, then it  
22 may not be revoked solely because the licensee changes his or her  
23 place of residence to another county if the licensee has not breached  
24 any conditions or restrictions set forth in the license and has not  
25 become prohibited by state or federal law from possessing,  
26 receiving, owning, or purchasing a firearm. However, any license  
27 issued pursuant to subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of  
28 subdivision (a) shall expire 90 days after the licensee moves from  
29 the county of issuance if the licensee's place of residence was the  
30 basis for issuance of the license.

31 (C) If the license is one to carry loaded and exposed a pistol,  
32 revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the  
33 person, the license shall be revoked immediately if the licensee  
34 changes his or her place of residence to another county.

35 (5) An amendment to the license does not extend the original  
36 expiration date of the license and the license shall be subject to  
37 renewal at the same time as if the license had not been amended.

38 (6) An application to amend a license does not constitute an  
39 application for renewal of the license.

1 (g) Nothing in this article shall preclude the chief or other head  
2 of a municipal police department of any city from entering an  
3 agreement with the sheriff of the county in which the city is located  
4 for the sheriff to process all applications for licenses, renewals of  
5 licenses, and amendments to licenses, pursuant to this article.

6 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
7 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
8 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
9 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
10 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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