

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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SENATE BILL 325\*

Short Title: Concealed Handgun Exemption.

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Sponsors: Senators Odom; Albertson, Allran, Ballance, Ballantine, Blust, Carpenter, Carrington, Clark, Dalton, Dannelly, Foxx, Gulley, Horton, Hoyle, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, McDaniel, Miller, Perdue, Phillips, Plyler, Reeves, Rucho, Soles, Webster, Weinstein, Wellons, and Winner.

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Referred to: Judiciary.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO EXEMPT A SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A RETIRED  
2 SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE TRAINING REQUIRED  
3 TO QUALIFY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IF THE OFFICER  
4 APPLIES FOR A PERMIT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF RETIREMENT.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by  
8 adding a new section to read:

9 "**§ 14-415.12A. Firearms safety and training course exemption for qualified sworn  
10 law enforcement officers.**

11 A person who is a qualified sworn law enforcement officer or a qualified former  
12 sworn law enforcement officer is deemed to have satisfied the requirement under G.S.  
13 14-415.12(a)(4) that an applicant successfully complete an approved firearms safety and  
14 training course.

15 Section 2. G.S. 14-415.10 is amended by adding the following subdivisions:

16 "(4) Qualified former sworn law enforcement officer. – An individual who  
17 retired from service as a law enforcement officer with a local or State

1 agency in North Carolina, other than for reasons of mental disability,  
2 who has been retired as a sworn law enforcement officer a year or less  
3 from the date of the permit application, and who satisfies all of the  
4 following:

- 5 a. Immediately before retirement, the individual was a qualified  
6 law enforcement officer with a local or State agency in North  
7 Carolina.  
8 b. The individual has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the  
9 retirement plan of the agency as a law enforcement officer.  
10 c. The individual is not prohibited by State or federal law from  
11 receiving a firearm.

12 (5) Qualified sworn law enforcement officer. – A law enforcement officer  
13 employed by a local or State agency in North Carolina who satisfies all  
14 of the following:

- 15 a. The individual is authorized by the agency to carry a handgun in  
16 the course of duty.  
17 b. The individual is not the subject of a disciplinary action by the  
18 agency that prevents the carrying of a handgun.  
19 c. The individual meets the requirements established by the agency  
20 regarding handguns."

21 Section 3. G.S. 14-415.14(a) reads as rewritten:

22 "(a) The sheriff shall make permit applications readily available at the office of the  
23 sheriff or at other public offices in the sheriff's jurisdiction. The permit application shall  
24 be in triplicate, in a form to be prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and  
25 shall include the following information with regard to the applicant: name, address,  
26 physical description, signature, date of birth, social security number, military status, law  
27 enforcement status, and the drivers license number or State identification card number of  
28 the applicant if used for identification in applying for the permit."

29 Section 4. This act becomes effective December 1, 1997.