Session of 2013

## HOUSE BILL No. 2055

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning the personal and family protection act; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-6309-and, **75-7c05**, 75-7c10 and **75-7c17** and repealing the existing sections.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

6 New Section 1. (a) The carrying of a concealed handgun as 7 authorized by the personal and family protection act shall not be prohibited 8 in **any** state or municipal-buildings building unless such building has 9 adequate security measures to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be 10 carried into such building and the building is conspicuously posted in 11 accordance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto.

(b) Any state or municipal building which contains both public access
 entrances and restricted access entrances shall provide adequate security
 measures at the public access entrances in order to prohibit the carrying of
 a concealed handgun in such public areas any weapons into such
 building.

(c) No state agency or municipality shall prohibit an employee who is
licensed to carry a concealed handgun under the provisions of the personal
and family protection act from carrying such concealed handgun at the
employee's work place unless the building has adequate security measures
and is properly posted prohibiting concealed carry and the building is
conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10,
and amendments thereto.

24 (d) It shall not be a crime for a person to carry a concealed handgun 25 into-such a state or municipal building so long as that person is licensed 26 to carry a concealed handgun under the provisions of the personal and 27 family protection act and has authority to enter through a restricted access 28 entrance into such building which provides adequate security measures 29 and is properly posted prohibiting concealed carry and the building is 30 conspicuously posted in accordance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10, 31 and amendments thereto.

(e) A state agency or municipality which provides adequate security
 measures in a public building and which properly posts a sign state or
 municipal building and conspicuously posts signage in accordance
 with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto, prohibiting
 the carrying of a concealed handgun on the premises of such building-as

authorized by the personal and family protection act, such state agency or 1 2 municipality shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun concerning 3 4 acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

5 (f) A state agency or municipality which does not provide adequate 6 security in a public measures in a state or municipal building and which 7 allows the carrying of a concealed handgun as authorized by the personal 8 and family protection act shall not be liable for any wrongful act or 9 omission relating to actions of persons licensed to carry a concealed 10 handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no 11 (g) 12 governing body exists, of a state or municipal-owned medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, may exempt itself 13 from this section for a period of four years by stating the reasons for such 14 15 exemption. Notice of this exemption shall be sent to the Kansas attorney 16 general.

17 (h) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no 18 governing body exists, of a state or municipal-owned adult care home as 19 defined in K.S.A. 39-923, and amendments thereto, may exempt itself from this section for a period of four years by stating the reasons for such 20 21 exemption. Notice of this exemption shall be sent to the Kansas attorney 22 general.

23 (i) The governing body or the chief administrative officer, if no 24 governing body exists, of a post secondary postsecondary educational institution, as defined in K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, may 25 exempt the institution from this section for a period of four years by 26 27 stating the reasons for such exemption. Notice of this exemption shall be 28 sent to the Kansas attorney general.

29 (i) Subject to provisions of subsection (b), nothing in this act shall 30 limit the ability of a corrections facility, a jail facility or a law enforcement 31 agency to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun by any person into 32 any building located on such premises.

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(k) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Adequate security measures" means the use of electronic 34 35 equipment and personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the 36 carrying of any weapons into the state or municipal building, including, 37 but not limited to, metal detectors, metal detector wands or any other 38 equipment used for similar purposes to ensure that weapons are not 39 permitted to be carried into such building by members of the public.

(2) The terms "municipality" and "municipal" are interchangeable 40 and have the same meaning as the term "municipality" is defined in 41 42 K.S.A.75-6102, and amendments thereto, but does not include school 43 districts.

1 (3) "Restricted access entrance" means an entrance that is restricted to 2 the public and requires a key, keycard, code, or similar device to allow 3 entry to authorized personnel.

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(4) "State" means the same as the term is defined in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto.

6 (5) "State or municipal building" means a building owned or leased 7 by such public entity. It does not include a building owned by the state or a 8 municipality which is leased by a private entity whether for profit or not-9 for-profit or a building held in title by the state or a municipality solely for 10 reasons of revenue bond financing.

11 (6) "Weapon" means a weapon described in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-12 6301, and amendments thereto.

(1) This section shall be a part of and supplemental to the personaland family protection act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-6309 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 21-6309. (a) It shall be unlawful to possess, with no requirement
of a culpable mental state, a firearm-on the grounds in any of the following
places:

19 20 (1) Within any building located within the capitol complex;

(2) within the governor's residence;

(3) on the grounds of or in any building on the grounds of thegovernor's residence;

(4) subject to section 1, and amendments thereto, within any other
 state-owned or leased building if the secretary of administration has so
 designated by rules and regulations and conspicuously placed signs clearly
 stating that firearms are prohibited within such building; or

(5) subject to section 1, and amendments thereto, within any county
 courthouse, unless, by county resolution, the board of county
 commissioners authorize the possession of a firearm within such
 courthouse.

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(b) Violation of this section is a class A misdemeanor.(c) This section shall not apply to:

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(1) A commissioned law enforcement officer;

34 (2) a full-time salaried law enforcement officer of another state or the
 35 federal government who is carrying out official duties while in this state;

(3) any person summoned by any such officer to assist in making
 arrests or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting such
 officer;

39 (4) a member of the military of this state or the United States engaged40 in the performance of duties; or

41 (5) a person with a license issued pursuant to or recognized under 42 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c01 et seq., and amendments thereto, except in 43 buildings posted in accordance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10, and 1 amendments thereto, and in the areas specified in subsections (a)(2) and 2 (a)(3).

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(d) It is not a violation of this section for the:

4 (1) Governor, the governor's immediate family, or specifically 5 authorized guest of the governor to possess a firearm within the governor's 6 residence or on the grounds of or in any building on the grounds of the 7 governor's residence; or

8 (2) United States attorney for the district of Kansas, the attorney 9 general, any district attorney or county attorney, any assistant United States attorney if authorized by the United States attorney for the district 10 of Kansas, any assistant attorney general if authorized by the attorney 11 general, or any assistant district attorney or assistant county attorney if 12 authorized by the district attorney or county attorney by whom such 13 assistant is employed, to possess a firearm within any county courthouse 14 and court-related facility, subject to any restrictions or prohibitions 15 16 imposed in any courtroom by the chief judge of the judicial district. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any person not in 17 18 compliance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c19, and amendments thereto.

19 (e) It is not a violation of this section for a person to possess a 20 handgun as authorized under the personal and family protection act.

21 (e) (f) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any county may 22 elect by passage of a resolution that the provisions of subsection (d)(2)23 shall not apply to such county's courthouse or court-related facilities if 24 such:

25 (1) Facilities have adequate security measures to ensure that no weapons are permitted to be carried into such facilities: 26

27 (2) facilities have adequate measures for storing and securing 28 lawfully carried weapons, including, but not limited to, the use of gun 29 lockers or other similar storage options;

30 (3) county also has a policy or regulation requiring all law enforcement officers to secure and store such officer's firearm upon 31 32 entering the courthouse or court-related facility. Such policy or regulation 33 may provide that it does not apply to court security or sheriff's office personnel for such county; and 34

35 (4) facilities have a sign conspicuously posted at each entryway into 36 such facility stating that the provisions of subsection (d)(2) do not apply to 37 such facility. 38

As used in this section:  $\left( f\right) (g)$ 

39 (1) "Adequate security measures" means the use of electronic 40 equipment and personnel at public entrances to detect and restrict the 41 carrying of any weapons into the facility, including, but not limited to, 42 metal detectors, metal detector wands or any other equipment used for 43 similar purposes;

"possession" means having joint or exclusive control over a 1 (2)2 firearm or having a firearm in a place where the person has some measure of access and right of control; and 3

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"capitol complex" means the same as in K.S.A. 75-4514, and (3) amendments thereto

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(g) (h) For the purposes of subsection (a)(1), (a)(4) and (a)(5), "building" and "courthouse" shall not include any structure, or any area of any structure, designated for the parking of motor vehicles.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c05 is hereby amended to read as 9 follows: 75-7c05. (a) The application for a license pursuant to this act 10 shall be completed, under oath, on a form prescribed by the attorney 11 general and shall only include: 12

(1) (A) Subject to the provisions of subsection (a)(1)(B), the name, 13 address, social security number, Kansas driver's license number or 14 Kansas nondriver's license identification number, place and date of 15 16 birth, a photocopy of the applicant's driver's license or nondriver's identification card and a photocopy of the applicant's certificate of 17 18 training course completion; (B) in the case of an applicant who 19 presents proof that such person is on active duty with any branch of 20 the armed forces of the United States, or is the dependent of such a 21 person, and who does not possess a Kansas driver's license or Kansas 22 nondriver's license identification, the number of such license or 23 identification shall not be required:

24 (2) a statement that the applicant is in compliance with criteria contained within K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments 25 26 thereto:

27 (3) a statement that the applicant has been furnished a copy of 28 this act and is knowledgeable of its provisions;

29 (4) a conspicuous warning that the application is executed under oath and that a false answer to any question, or the submission of any 30 false document by the applicant, subjects the applicant to criminal 31 32 prosecution under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-5903, and amendments 33 thereto: and

(5) a statement that the applicant desires a concealed handgun 34 35 license as a means of lawful self-defense.

36 (b) The applicant shall submit to the sheriff of the county where 37 the applicant resides, during any normal business hours:

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(1) A completed application described in subsection (a);

39 (2) except as provided by subsection (g), a nonrefundable license fee of \$132.50, if the applicant has not previously been issued a 40 statewide license or if the applicant's license has permanently expired, 41 which fee shall be in the form of two cashier's checks, personal checks 42 43 or money orders of \$32.50 payable to the sheriff of the county where

1 the applicant resides and \$100 payable to the attorney general;

2 (3) a photocopy of a certificate or an affidavit or document as 3 described in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c04, and 4 amendments thereto, or if applicable, of a license to carry a firearm as 5 described in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c03, and 6 amendments thereto; and

7 (4) a full frontal view photograph of the applicant taken within 8 the preceding 30 days.

9 (c) (1) The sheriff, upon receipt of the items listed in subsection 10 (b) of this section, shall provide for the full set of fingerprints of the applicant to be taken and forwarded to the attorney general for 11 purposes of a criminal history records check as provided by 12 13 subsection (d). In addition, the sheriff shall forward to the attorney general a copy of the application and the portion of the original license 14 fee which is payable to the attorney general. The cost of taking such 15 16 fingerprints shall be included in the portion of the fee retained by the 17 sheriff. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, an applicant shall not be required to submit fingerprints for a renewal 18 19 application under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c08, and amendments 20 thereto.

21 (2) The sheriff of the applicant's county of residence or the chief 22 law enforcement officer of any law enforcement agency, at the sheriff's 23 or chief law enforcement officer's discretion, may participate in the 24 process by submitting a voluntary report to the attorney general 25 containing readily discoverable information, corroborated through public records, which, when combined with another enumerated 26 27 factor, establishes that the applicant poses a significantly greater 28 threat to law enforcement or the public at large than the average 29 citizen. Any such voluntary reporting shall be made within 45 days after the date the sheriff receives the application. Any sheriff or chief 30 31 law enforcement officer submitting a voluntary report shall not incur any civil or criminal liability as the result of the good faith submission 32 33 of such report.

34 (3) All funds retained by the sheriff pursuant to the provisions of
35 this section shall be credited to a special fund of the sheriff's office
36 which shall be used solely for the purpose of administering this act.

(d) Each applicant shall be subject to a state and national criminal history records check which conforms to applicable federal standards, including an inquiry of the national instant criminal background check system for the purpose of verifying the identity of the applicant and whether the applicant has been convicted of any crime or has been the subject of any restraining order or any mental health related finding that would disqualify the applicant from holding a license under this act. The attorney general is authorized to
 use the information obtained from the state or national criminal
 history record check to determine the applicant's eligibility for such
 license.

5 (e) Within 90 days after the date of receipt of the items listed in 6 subsection (b), the attorney general shall:

7 (1) Issue the license and certify the issuance to the department of 8 revenue; or

9 (2) deny the application based solely on: (A) The report submitted by the sheriff or other chief law enforcement officer under 10 subsection (c)(2) for good cause shown therein; or (B) the ground that 11 the applicant is disqualified under the criteria listed in K.S.A. 2012 12 13 Supp. 75-7c04, and amendments thereto. If the attorney general denies the application, the attorney general shall notify the applicant in 14 writing, stating the ground for denial and informing the applicant the 15 16 opportunity for a hearing pursuant to the Kansas administrative 17 procedure act.

(f) Each person issued a license shall pay to the department of
revenue a fee for the cost of the license which shall be in amounts
equal to the fee required pursuant to K.S.A. 8-243 and 8-246, and
amendments thereto, for replacement of a driver's license.

22 (g) (1) A person who is a retired law enforcement officer, as defined

23 in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-5111, and amendments thereto, shall be: (A)

Required to pay an original license fee of \$75, which fee shall be in the form of two cashier checks or money orders, \$25 payable to the sheriff of

26 the county where the applicant resides and \$50 payable to the attorney-

27 general, as provided in subsection (b)(2); to be forwarded by the sheriff

to the attorney general; (B) exempt from the required completion of a

29 weapons handgun safety and training course if such person was

30 certified by the Kansas commission on peace officer's standards and

31 training, or similar body from another jurisdiction, not more than

32 eight years prior to submission of the application; (C) required to pay

33 the license renewal fee; (D) required to pay to the department of

34 revenue the fees required by subsection (f); and (E) required to

comply with the criminal history records check requirement of this
 section.

(2) Proof of retirement as a law enforcement officer shall be required and provided to the attorney general in the form of a letter from the agency head, or their designee, of the officer's retiring agency that attests to the officer having retired in good standing from that agency as a law enforcement officer for reasons other than mental instability and that the officer has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under a retirement plan of the agency.

(h) A person who is a corrections officer, a parole officer or a 1 2 corrections officer employed by the federal bureau of prisons, as defined by K.S.A. 75-5202, and amendments thereto, shall be: (1) Required to pay 3 an original license fee as provided in subsection (b)(2); (2) exempt from 4 5 the required completion of a handgun safety and training course if such 6 person was issued a certificate of firearms training by the department of 7 corrections or the federal bureau of prisons or similar body not more than 8 one year prior to submission of the application; (3) required to pay the license renewal fee; (4) required to pay to the department of revenue the 9 fees required by subsection (f); and (5) required to comply with the 10 criminal history records check requirement of this section. 11

Sec. 3. 4. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c10 is hereby amended to read as 12 follows: 75-7c10. (a) Subject to the provisions of section 1, and 13 14 amendments thereto, provided that the premises are conspicuously posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the attorney general as 15 16 premises where carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited, no license 17 issued pursuant to or recognized by this act shall authorize the licensee to 18 carry a concealed handgun into the building of:

19 (1) Any place where an activity declared a common nuisance by 20 K.S.A. 22-3901, and amendments thereto, is maintained;

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(3) any detention facility, prison or jail;

23 (4) any courthouse, except that nothing in this section would preclude a judge from carrying a concealed handgun or determining who may carry 24 a concealed handgun in the judge's courtroom; 25

(5) any polling place on the day an election is held:

(2) any police, sheriff or highway patrol station;

(6) any state office;

28 (7) any facility hosting an athletic event not related to or involving 29 firearms which is sponsored by a private or public elementary or secondary school or any private or public institution of postsecondary 30 31 education;

32 (8) any facility hosting a professional athletic event not related to or 33 involving firearms;

34 (9) any drinking establishment as defined by K.S.A. 41-2601, and 35 amendments thereto:

36 any elementary or secondary school, attendance center, (10)37 administrative office, services center or other facility; 38

any community college, college or university; (11)

39 any child exchange and visitation center provided for in K.S.A. (12)40 75-720, and amendments thereto;

41 any community mental health center organized pursuant to (13)K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto; any mental health clinic 42 43 organized pursuant to K.S.A. 65-211 et seq., and amendments thereto; any psychiatric hospital licensed under K.S.A. 75-3307b, and amendments
 thereto; or a state psychiatric hospital, as follows: Larned state hospital,
 Osawatomie state hospital or Rainbow mental health facility;

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(14) any public library operated by the state;

(15) any day care home or group day care home, as defined in Kansas
administrative regulation 28-4-113, or any preschool or childcare center, as
defined in Kansas administrative regulation 28-4-420; or

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(16) any place of worship.

9 (b) (1) Any private entity which provides adequate security measures in a private building or facility and which properly posts a sign 10 conspicuously posts signage in accordance with this section *prohibiting* 11 12 the carrying of a concealed handgun-on the premises of in such building or facility as authorized by the personal and family protection act shall 13 not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating to actions of 14 15 persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun concerning acts or omissions regarding such handguns. 16

17 (2) Any private entity which does not provide adequate security 18 **measures** in a private building or facility and which allows the carrying 19 of a concealed handgun as authorized by the personal and family 20 protection act shall not be liable for any wrongful act or omission relating 21 to actions of persons licensed to carry a concealed handgun concerning 22 acts or omissions regarding such handguns.

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(c) Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent:

(1) Any public or private employer from restricting or prohibiting by
personnel policies persons licensed under this act from carrying a
concealed handgun while on the premises of the employer's business or
while engaged in the duties of the person's employment by the employer,
except that no employer may prohibit possession of a handgun in a private
means of conveyance, even if parked on the employer's premises; or

30 (2) any private business or city, county or political subdivision from 31 restricting or prohibiting persons licensed or recognized under this act 32 from carrying a concealed handgun within a building or buildings of such 33 entity, provided that the premises are posted in accordance with rules and 34 regulations adopted by the attorney general pursuant to subsection-(f) (h), 35 as premises where carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited.

36 (d) Any board of education of a unified school district, governing 37 body of any community college, technical college or the institute of 38 technology, or the chancellor or president of any state educational 39 institution may permit any employee, who is licensed to carry a 40 concealed handgun as authorized by the provisions of K.S.A. 75-7c01 41 et seq., and amendments thereto, to carry a concealed handgun in any 42 school building if the employee meets such institution's own policy 43 requirements regardless of whether such building is conspicuously

## 1 posted in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-7c10, and 2 amendments thereto.

3 (c) (d) (e) (1) It shall be a violation of this section to carry a 4 concealed handgun in violation of any restriction or prohibition allowed by 5 subsection (a) or (b) (c) if the premises are posted in accordance with rules 6 and regulations adopted by the attorney general pursuant to subsection (f) 7 (h). Any person who violates this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor 8 punishable by a fine of: (A) Not more than \$50 for the first offense; or (B) not more than \$100 for the second offense. Any third or subsequent-9 offense is a class B misdemeanor not be subject to a criminal penalty 10 but may be subject to denial to such premises or removal from such 11 12 premises.

13 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) (c), it is not a violation of this section for the United States attorney for the district 14 of Kansas, the attorney general, any district attorney or county attorney, 15 16 any assistant United States attorney if authorized by the United States attorney for the district of Kansas, any assistant attorney general if 17 18 authorized by the attorney general, or any assistant district attorney or 19 assistant county attorney if authorized by the district attorney or county 20 attorney by whom such assistant is employed, or a law enforcement 21 officer from another state or a retired law enforcement officer meeting 22 the requirements of the federal law enforcement officers safety act, 18 23 U.S.C. §§ 926B and 926C, to possess a handgun within any of the 24 buildings described in subsection (a) or (b) (c), subject to any restrictions 25 or prohibitions imposed in any courtroom by the chief judge of the judicial 26 district. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to any person who 27 is not in compliance with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c19, and amendments 28 thereto.

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(d) (e) (f) For the purposes of this section;

30 (1) "Adequate security measures" shall have the same meaning 31 as the term is defined in section 1, and amendments thereto;

32 (2) "building" shall not include any structure, or any area of any33 structure, designated for the parking of motor vehicles.

 $(e) \notin (g)$  Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the carrying or possession of a handgun where prohibited by federal law.

36 (f) (g) (h) The attorney general shall adopt rules and regulations 37 prescribing the location, content, size and other characteristics of signs to 38 be posted on premises where carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited 39 pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) (c). Such regulations shall prescribe, at 40 a minimum, that:

41 (1) The signs be posted at all exterior entrances to the prohibited 42 buildings;

43 (2) they the signs be posted at eye level of adults using the entrance

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1 and not more than 12 inches to the right or left of such entrance;

(3) the signs not be obstructed or altered in any way; and

3 (4) signs which become illegible for any reason be immediately 4 replaced.

5 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 75-7c17 is hereby amended to read as 6 follows: 75-7c17. (a) The legislature finds as a matter of public policy 7 and fact that it is necessary to provide statewide uniform standards 8 for issuing licenses to carry concealed handguns for self-defense and finds it necessary to occupy the field of regulation of the bearing of 9 concealed handguns for self-defense to ensure that no honest, law-10 abiding person who qualifies under the provisions of this act is 11 subjectively or arbitrarily denied the person's rights. No city, county 12 or other political subdivision of this state shall regulate, restrict or 13 prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns by persons licensed 14 under this act except as provided in subsection (b) (c) of K.S.A. 2012 15 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto, and subsection (f) of K.S.A. 16 17 21-4218, prior to its repeal, or subsection-(e) (f) of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 18 21-6309, and amendments thereto. Any existing or future law, ordinance, rule, regulation or resolution enacted by any city, county or 19 20 other political subdivision of this state that regulates, restricts or 21 prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns by persons licensed 22 under this act except as provided in subsection-(b) (c) of K.S.A. 2012 23 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto, and subsection (f) of K.S.A. 24 21-4218, prior to its repeal, or subsection (e) (f) of K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25 21-6309, and amendments thereto, shall be null and void.

(b) Prosecution of any person licensed under the personal and
 family protection act, and amendments thereto, for violating any
 restrictions on licensees will be done through the district court.

29 (c) The legislature does not delegate to the attorney general the authority to regulate or restrict the issuing of licenses provided for in 30 31 this act, beyond those provisions of this act pertaining to licensing and 32 training. Subjective or arbitrary actions or rules and regulations 33 which encumber the issuing process by placing burdens on the 34 applicant beyond those sworn statements and specified documents 35 detailed in this act or which create restrictions beyond those specified 36 in this act are in conflict with the intent of this act and are prohibited.

(d) This act shall be liberally construed. This act is supplemental
and additional to existing constitutional rights to bear arms and
nothing in this act shall impair or diminish such rights.

40 Sec. 4. 6. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 21-6309-and, 75-7c05, 75-7c10 and 75-41 7c17 are hereby repealed.

42 Sec. <del>5.</del> **7.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 43 publication in the statute book.