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HOUSE BILL NO. 1466

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 18.2-308.010 of the Code of Virginia, relating to renewal of concealed handgun permits; notice.

Patrons—Fowler, Cole, Kory and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on Militia, Police and Public Safety**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 18.2-308.010 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 18.2-308.010. Renewal of concealed handgun permit.**

A. 1. Persons who previously have held a concealed handgun permit shall be issued, upon application as provided in § 18.2-308.02, a new five-year permit unless it is found that the applicant is subject to any of the disqualifications set forth in § 18.2-308.09. Persons who previously have been issued a concealed handgun permit pursuant to this article shall not be required to appear in person to apply for a new five-year permit pursuant to this section, and the application for the new permit may be submitted via the United States mail. The circuit court that receives the application shall promptly notify an applicant if the application is incomplete or if the fee submitted for the permit pursuant to § 18.2-308.03 is incorrect.

2. If a new five-year permit is issued while an existing permit remains valid, the new five-year permit shall become effective upon the expiration date of the existing permit, provided that the application is received by the court at least 90 days but no more than 180 days prior to the expiration of the existing permit.

3. Any order denying issuance of the new permit shall be in accordance with subsection A of § 18.2-308.08.

B. If a permit holder is a member of the Virginia National Guard, armed forces of the United States, or the Armed Forces Reserves of the United States, and his five-year permit expires during an active-duty military deployment outside of the permittee's county or city of residence, such permit shall remain valid for 90 days after the end date of the deployment. In order to establish proof of continued validity of the permit, such a permittee shall carry with him and display, upon request of a law-enforcement officer, a copy of the permittee's deployment orders or other documentation from the permittee's commanding officer that order the permittee to travel outside of his county or city of residence and that indicate the start and end date of such deployment.

C. *At least 120 days but no more than 180 days prior to the expiration date of an existing concealed handgun permit, the clerk of the court that issued the permit shall notify the permit holder (i) that the permit will expire on the date specified in the notice and (ii) of the requirements for renewing the permit. Such notice shall be sent to the permit holder's address shown in the records maintained by the clerk or, upon request of the permit holder, to an email or other electronic address provided to the clerk by the permit holder. The failure of a clerk to send the notice required by this subsection or the failure of the permit holder to receive such notice shall not extend the validity of the existing permit beyond its expiration date.*

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