

SB 322 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL **322**

AN ACT relative to licenses to carry.

SPONSORS: Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Innis, Dist 7;
 Sen. Gendreau, Dist 1

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

ANALYSIS

This bill requires a license authorizing an individual to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state to include the name, title, and signature of the person issuing the license.

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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Four

AN ACT relative to licenses to carry.

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

1 1 Public Safety and Welfare; Pistols and Revolvers; License to Carry. Amend RSA 159:6, I to
2 read as follows:

3 I.(a) The selectmen of a town, the mayor or chief of police of a city or a full-time police officer
4 designated by them respectively, the county sheriff for a resident of an unincorporated place, or the
5 county sheriff if designated by the selectmen of a town that has no police chief, upon application of
6 any resident of such town, city, or unincorporated place, or the director of state police, or some
7 person designated by such director, upon application of a nonresident, shall **sign and** issue a license
8 to such applicant authorizing the applicant to carry a loaded pistol or revolver in this state for not
9 less than 5 years from the date of issue, if it appears that the applicant has good reason to fear
10 injury to the applicant's person or property or has any proper purpose, unless the applicant is
11 prohibited by New Hampshire or federal statute from possessing a firearm. Hunting, target
12 shooting, or self-defense shall be considered a proper purpose. The license shall be valid for all
13 allowable purposes regardless of the purpose for which it was originally issued.

14 (b) The license shall be in duplicate and shall bear the name, address, description, and
15 signature of the licensee **and the name, title, and signature of the person issuing the license.**
16 The original shall be delivered to the licensee and the duplicate shall be preserved by the people
17 issuing the same for 5 years. When required, license renewal shall take place within the month of
18 the fifth anniversary of the license holder's date of birth following the date of issuance. The license
19 shall be issued within 14 days after application, and, if such application is denied, the reason for
20 such denial shall be stated in writing, the original of which such writing shall be delivered to the
21 applicant, and a copy kept in the office of the person to whom the application was made. The fee for
22 licenses issued to residents of the state shall be \$10, which fee shall be for the use of the town or city
23 granting said licenses; the fee for licenses granted to out-of-state residents shall be \$100, which fee
24 shall be for the use of the state. The director of state police is hereby authorized and directed to
25 prepare forms for the licenses required under this chapter and forms for the application for such
26 licenses and to supply the same to officials of the cities and towns authorized to issue the licenses.
27 The form shall require no more information than was required on the state of New Hampshire
28 application for pistol/revolver license, form DSSP 85, as revised in December 2009. No other forms
29 shall be used by officials of cities and towns. The cost of the forms shall be paid out of the fees
30 received from nonresident licenses.

31 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.