

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 886

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearm applications; amending 21  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.5, as last amended by Section  
9 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015,  
10 Section 1290.5), which relates to term of license  
11 renewal; modifying renewal fees; amending 21 O.S.  
12 2011, Section 1290.12, as last amended by Section 1,  
13 Chapter 207, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section  
14 1290.12), which relates to the procedure for  
15 application; modifying application fees; and  
16 providing an effective date.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.5, as  
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 122, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp.  
20 2015, Section 1290.5), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1290.5.

22 TERM OF LICENSE AND RENEWAL

23 A. A handgun license when issued shall authorize the person to  
24 whom the license is issued to carry a loaded or unloaded handgun,  
concealed or unconcealed, as authorized by the provisions of the  
Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and any future modifications thereto.  
The license shall be valid in this state for a period of five (5) or

1 ten (10) years, unless subsequently surrendered, suspended or  
2 revoked as provided by law. The person shall have no authority to  
3 continue to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun in this state  
4 pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when a license is expired  
5 or when a license has been voluntarily surrendered or suspended or  
6 revoked for any reason.

7 B. A license may be renewed any time within ninety (90) days  
8 prior to the expiration date as provided in this subsection. The  
9 Bureau shall send a renewal application to each eligible licensee  
10 with a return address requested. There shall be a ninety-day grace  
11 period on license renewals beginning on the date of expiration,  
12 thereafter the license is considered expired. However, any  
13 applicant shall have three (3) years from the expiration of the  
14 license to comply with the renewal requirements of this section.

15 1. To renew a handgun license, the licensee must first obtain a  
16 renewal form from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

17 2. The applicant must complete the renewal form, attach two  
18 current passport size photographs of the applicant, and submit a  
19 renewal fee in the amount of ~~Eighty-five Dollars (\$85.00)~~ Twenty-  
20 five Dollars (\$25.00) to the Bureau. The renewal fee may be paid  
21 with a nationally recognized credit card as provided in subparagraph  
22 b of paragraph 4 of subsection A of Section 1290.12 of this title,  
23 by electronic funds transfer, or by a cashier's check or money order  
24 made payable to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.



1           1. An eligible person may request an application packet for a  
2 handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation or  
3 the county sheriff's office either in person or by mail. The Bureau  
4 may provide application packets to each sheriff not exceeding two  
5 hundred packets per request. The Bureau shall provide the following  
6 information in the application packet:

- 7           a. an application form,
- 8           b. procedures to follow to process the application form,
- 9           and
- 10          c. a copy of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act with any  
11           modifications thereto;

12          2. The person shall be required to successfully complete a  
13 firearms safety and training course from a firearms instructor who  
14 is approved and registered in this state as provided in Section  
15 1290.14 of this title or from an interactive online firearms safety  
16 and training course available electronically via the Internet  
17 approved and certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education  
18 and Training, and the person shall be required to demonstrate  
19 competency and qualification with a pistol authorized for concealed  
20 or unconcealed carry by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The original  
21 certificate of successful completion of a firearms safety and  
22 training course and an original certificate of successful  
23 demonstration of competency and qualification to carry and handle a  
24 pistol shall be submitted with the application for a handgun

1 license. No duplicate, copy, facsimile or other reproduction of the  
2 certificate of training, certificate of competency and qualification  
3 or exemption from training shall be acceptable as proof of training  
4 as required by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. A  
5 person exempt from the training requirements as provided in Section  
6 1290.15 of this title must show the required proof of such exemption  
7 to the firearms instructor to receive an exemption certificate. The  
8 original exemption certificate must be submitted with the  
9 application for a handgun license when the person claims an  
10 exemption from training and qualification;

11 3. The application form shall be completed and delivered by the  
12 applicant, in person, to the sheriff of the county wherein the  
13 applicant resides;

14 4. The person shall deliver to the sheriff at the time of  
15 delivery of the completed application form a fee of ~~One Hundred~~  
16 ~~Dollars (\$100.00)~~ Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) for processing the  
17 application through the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation and  
18 processing the required fingerprints through the Federal Bureau of  
19 Investigation. The processing fee shall be in the form of:

- 20 a. a money order or a cashier's check made payable to the  
21 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation,  
22 b. by a nationally recognized credit card issued to the  
23 applicant. For purposes of this paragraph,  
24 "nationally recognized credit card" means any

1 instrument or device, whether known as a credit card,  
2 credit plate, charge plate, or by any other name,  
3 issued with or without fee by the issuer for the use  
4 of the cardholder in obtaining goods, services, or  
5 anything else of value on credit which is accepted by  
6 over one thousand merchants in the state. The  
7 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall determine  
8 which nationally recognized credit cards will be  
9 accepted by the Bureau, or

10 c. by electronic funds transfer.

11 The processing fee shall not be refundable in the event of a  
12 denial of a handgun license or any suspension or revocation  
13 subsequent to the issuance of a license. Persons making application  
14 for a firearms instructor shall not be required to pay the  
15 application fee as provided in this section, but shall be required  
16 to pay the costs provided in paragraphs 6 and 8 of this subsection;

17 5. The completed application form shall be signed by the  
18 applicant in person before the sheriff. The signature shall be  
19 given voluntarily upon a sworn oath that the person knows the  
20 contents of the application and that the information contained in  
21 the application is true and correct. Any person making any false or  
22 misleading statement on an application for a handgun license shall,  
23 upon conviction, be guilty of perjury as defined by Section 491 of  
24 this title. Any conviction shall be punished as provided in Section

1 500 of this title. In addition to a criminal conviction, the person  
2 shall be denied the right to have a handgun license pursuant to the  
3 provisions of Section 1290.10 of this title and the Oklahoma State  
4 Bureau of Investigation shall revoke the handgun license, if issued;

5 6. Two passport-size photographs of the applicant shall be  
6 submitted with the completed application. The cost of the  
7 photographs shall be the responsibility of the applicant. The  
8 sheriff is authorized to take the photograph of the applicant for  
9 purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and, if such photographs  
10 are taken by the sheriff, the cost of the photographs shall not  
11 exceed Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for the two photos. All money received  
12 by the sheriff from photographing applicants pursuant to the  
13 provisions of this paragraph shall be retained by the sheriff and  
14 deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee Account;

15 7. The sheriff shall witness the signature of the applicant and  
16 review or take the photographs of the applicant and shall verify  
17 that the person making application for a handgun license is the same  
18 person in the photographs submitted and the same person who signed  
19 the application form. Proof of a valid Oklahoma driver license with  
20 a photograph of the applicant or an Oklahoma state photo  
21 identification for the applicant shall be required to be presented  
22 by the applicant to the sheriff for verification of the person's  
23 identity;

1       8. Upon verification of the identity of the applicant, the  
2 sheriff shall take two complete sets of fingerprints of the  
3 applicant. Both sets of fingerprints shall be submitted by the  
4 sheriff with the completed application, certificate of training or  
5 an exemption certificate, photographs and processing fee to the  
6 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within fourteen (14) days of  
7 taking the fingerprints. The cost of the fingerprints shall be paid  
8 by the applicant and shall not exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00)  
9 for the two sets. All fees collected by the sheriff from taking  
10 fingerprints pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be  
11 retained by the sheriff and deposited into the Sheriff's Service Fee  
12 Account;

13       9. The sheriff shall submit to the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
14 Investigation within the fourteen-day period, together with the  
15 completed application, including the certificate of training,  
16 certificate of competency and qualification or exemption  
17 certificate, photographs, processing fee and legible fingerprints  
18 meeting the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation's Automated  
19 Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) submission standards, and a  
20 report of information deemed pertinent to an investigation of the  
21 applicant for a handgun license. The sheriff shall make a  
22 preliminary investigation of pertinent information about the  
23 applicant and the court clerk shall assist the sheriff in locating  
24 pertinent information in court records for this purpose. If no

1 pertinent information is found to exist either for or against the  
2 applicant, the sheriff shall so indicate in the report;

3 10. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, upon receipt of  
4 the application and required information from the sheriff, shall  
5 forward one full set of fingerprints of the applicant to the Federal  
6 Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records  
7 search. The cost of processing the fingerprints nationally shall be  
8 paid from the processing fee collected by the Oklahoma State Bureau  
9 of Investigation;

10 11. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
11 Act, or any other provisions of law, any person who has been granted  
12 a permanent victim's protective order by the court, as provided for  
13 in the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act, may be issued a temporary  
14 handgun license for a period not to exceed six (6) months. A  
15 temporary handgun license may be issued if the person has  
16 successfully passed the required weapons course, completed the  
17 application process for the handgun license, passed the preliminary  
18 investigation of the person by the sheriff and court clerk, and  
19 provided the sheriff proof of a certified permanent victim  
20 protection order and a valid Oklahoma state photo identification  
21 card or driver license. The sheriff shall issue a temporary handgun  
22 license on a form approved by the Oklahoma State Bureau of  
23 Investigation, at no cost. Any person who has been issued a  
24 temporary license shall carry the temporary handgun license and a

1 valid Oklahoma state photo identification on his or her person at  
2 all times, and shall be subject to all the requirements of the  
3 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act when carrying a handgun. The person may  
4 proceed with the handgun licensing process. In the event the  
5 victim's protection order is no longer enforceable, the temporary  
6 handgun license shall cease to be valid;

7 12. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall make a  
8 reasonable effort to investigate the information submitted by the  
9 applicant and the sheriff, to ascertain whether or not the issuance  
10 of a handgun license would be in violation of the provisions of the  
11 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The investigation by the Bureau of an  
12 applicant shall include, but shall not be limited to: a statewide  
13 criminal history records search, a national criminal history records  
14 search, a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint search, and if  
15 applicable, an investigation of medical records or other records or  
16 information deemed by the Bureau to be relevant to the application.

17 a. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it  
18 shall present the name of the applicant along with any  
19 known aliases, the address of the applicant and the  
20 social security number of the applicant to the  
21 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
22 Services. The Department of Mental Health and  
23 Substance Abuse Services shall respond within ten (10)

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1 days of receiving such information to the Bureau as  
2 follows:

3 (1) with a "Yes" answer, if the records of the  
4 Department indicate that the person was  
5 involuntarily committed to a mental institution  
6 in Oklahoma,

7 (2) with a "No" answer, if there are no records  
8 indicating the name of the person as a person  
9 involuntarily committed to a mental institution  
10 in Oklahoma, or

11 (3) with an "Inconclusive" answer if the records of  
12 the Department suggest the applicant may be a  
13 formerly committed person. In the case of an  
14 inconclusive answer, the Bureau shall ask the  
15 applicant whether he or she was involuntarily  
16 committed. If the applicant states under penalty  
17 of perjury that he or she has not been  
18 involuntarily committed, the Bureau shall  
19 continue processing the application for a  
20 license.

21 b. In the course of the investigation by the Bureau, it  
22 shall check the name of any applicant who is twenty-  
23 eight (28) years of age or younger along with any  
24 known aliases, the address of the applicant and the

1 social security number of the applicant against the  
2 records in the Juvenile Online Tracking System (JOLTS)  
3 of the Office of Juvenile Affairs. The Office of  
4 Juvenile Affairs shall provide the Bureau direct  
5 access to check the applicant against the records  
6 available on JOLTS.

7 (1) If the Bureau finds a record on the JOLTS that  
8 indicates the person was adjudicated a delinquent  
9 for an offense that would constitute a felony  
10 offense if committed by an adult within the last  
11 ten (10) years the Bureau shall deny the license,

12 (2) If the Bureau finds no record on the JOLTS  
13 indicating the named person was adjudicated  
14 delinquent for an offense that would constitute a  
15 felony offense if committed by an adult within  
16 the last ten (10) years, or

17 (3) If the records suggest the applicant may have  
18 been adjudicated delinquent for an offense that  
19 would constitute a felony offense if committed by  
20 an adult but such record is inconclusive, the  
21 Bureau shall ask the applicant whether he or she  
22 was adjudicated a delinquent for an offense that  
23 would constitute a felony offense if committed by  
24 an adult within the last ten (10) years. If the

1 applicant states under penalty of perjury that he  
2 or she was not adjudicated a delinquent within  
3 ten (10) years, the Bureau shall continue  
4 processing the application for a license; and

5 13. If the background check set forth in paragraph 12 of this  
6 subsection reveals no records pertaining to the applicant, the  
7 Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a handgun  
8 license or deny the application within sixty (60) days of the date  
9 of receipt of the applicant's completed application and the required  
10 information from the sheriff. In all other cases, the Oklahoma  
11 State Bureau of Investigation shall either issue a handgun license  
12 or deny the application within ninety (90) days of the date of the  
13 receipt of the applicant's completed application and the required  
14 information from the sheriff. The Bureau shall approve an applicant  
15 who appears to be in full compliance with the provisions of the  
16 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, if completion of the federal fingerprint  
17 search is the only reason for delay of the issuance of the handgun  
18 license to that applicant. Upon receipt of the federal fingerprint  
19 search information, if the Bureau receives information which  
20 precludes the person from having a handgun license, the Bureau shall  
21 revoke the handgun license previously issued to the applicant. The  
22 Bureau shall deny a license when the applicant fails to properly  
23 complete the application form or application process or is  
24 determined not to be eligible as specified by the provisions of

1 Section 1290.9, 1290.10 or 1290.11 of this title. The Bureau shall  
2 approve an application in all other cases. If an application is  
3 denied, the Bureau shall notify the applicant in writing of its  
4 decision. The notification shall state the grounds for the denial  
5 and inform the applicant of the right to an appeal as may be  
6 provided by the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.  
7 All notices of denial shall be mailed by first-class mail to the  
8 address of the applicant listed in the application. Within sixty  
9 (60) calendar days from the date of mailing a denial of application  
10 to an applicant, the applicant shall notify the Bureau in writing of  
11 the intent to appeal the decision of denial or the right of the  
12 applicant to appeal shall be deemed waived. Any administrative  
13 hearing on a denial which may be provided shall be conducted by a  
14 hearing examiner appointed by the Bureau. The decision of the  
15 hearing examiner shall be a final decision appealable to a district  
16 court in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act. When an  
17 application is approved, the Bureau shall issue the license and  
18 shall mail the license by first-class mail to the address of the  
19 applicant listed in the application.

20 B. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-  
21 Defense Act shall be construed to require or authorize the  
22 registration, documentation or providing of serial numbers with  
23 regard to any firearm. For purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense  
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1 Act, the sheriff may designate a person to receive, fingerprint,  
2 photograph or otherwise process applications for handgun licenses.

3 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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