



K-1 Concealed Carry

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The Legislature passed the Personal and Family Protection Act in 2006, allowing licensed persons to carry concealed weapons on and after January 2, 2007. Kansas is a state wherein a person who meets concealed carry qualifications cannot be denied a license. In addition, Kansas is a state where a person who has a concealed carry license from another jurisdiction is allowed to carry a concealed handgun in Kansas if complying with Kansas law.

Under this Act:

- To qualify for a concealed carry license in Kansas, a person must:
 - Be at least 21 years of age;
 - Be a Kansas resident of the county where the application is made; and
 - Not be prohibited by either federal or state law from possessing any firearm.
- Furthermore, even if the above pre-qualifications are met, a person may be disqualified from licensure if such person:
 - Is deemed to pose a significantly greater threat to law enforcement or the public at large than the average citizen if presented in a voluntary report by the county sheriff or chief law enforcement officer;
 - Has been convicted of any crime or has been the subject of any restraining order or any mental health finding that would disqualify the applicant; or
 - Does not meet any of the pre-qualification requirements or fails to be recommended after firearms training.
- Applicants for concealed carry licensing are required to complete an approved training course and to provide a certificate or affidavit of successful completion that is signed by an instructor who has been approved by the Attorney General to offer such training. The applicants must pay an initial license fee of \$100 to the Attorney General, submitted with a formal written application, and a \$32.50 fee to the county sheriff. The sheriff will take fingerprints to initiate a criminal records check as part of the application process. The Attorney General then issues a concealed carry handgun license following successful completion of the training course and application requirements.
- Possession of a Kansas concealed carry license will allow a Kansas citizen to lawfully carry a concealed handgun in 36

states in the United States that have agreed to recognize Kansas' concealed carry handgun licenses.

Kansas law regarding the concealed carry of handguns has been revised many times since its enactment in 2006. The changes generally have streamlined the process of applying for a license by modifying the basic requirements for licensing and renewing licensure.

2015 Changes to Concealed Carry Laws

In the 2015 Session, the Legislature voted to allow the concealed carrying of a firearm without a concealed carry license issued by the State, as long as the individual is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under federal or state law. This type of measure is often referred to as "constitutional carry." The legislation specified

the carrying of a concealed handgun cannot be prohibited in any building unless the building is posted in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Attorney General.

While concealed carry licenses will continue to be issued by the State, the availability of those licenses may not be construed to prohibit the carrying of handguns without a license. Further, as noted in hearings on 2015 SB 45, possessing a concealed carry license would allow a Kansas citizen to carry a concealed weapon in 36 other states pursuant to reciprocity agreements.

Another recent change to the laws regarding the concealed carry of handguns passed in 2015 HB 2331, which removed a provision in the Personal and Family Protection Act that permanently prohibited any person convicted of certain crimes from qualifying for a concealed carry license.

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