Ohio Revised Code
Section 109.731 Prescribed forms.
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(A)(1) The attorney general shall prescribe, and shall make available to sheriffs an application form that is to be used under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code by a person who applies for a concealed handgun license and an application form that is to be used under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code by a person who applies for the renewal of a license of that nature. The attorney general shall design the form to enable applicants to provide the information that is required by law to be collected, and shall update the form as necessary. Burdens or restrictions to obtaining a concealed handgun license that are not expressly prescribed in law shall not be incorporated into the form. The attorney general shall post a printable version of the form on the web site of the attorney general and shall provide the address of the web site to any person who requests the form.

(2) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall prescribe, and shall make available to sheriffs, all of the following:

(a) A form for the concealed handgun license that is to be issued by sheriffs to persons who qualify for a concealed handgun license under section 2923.125 of the Revised Code and that conforms to the following requirements:

(i) It has space for the licensee's full name, residence address, and date of birth and for a color photograph of the licensee.

(ii) It has space for the date of issuance of the license, its expiration date, its county of issuance, the name of the sheriff who issues the license, and the unique combination of letters and numbers that identify the county of issuance and the license given to the licensee by the sheriff in accordance with division (A)(2)(c) of this section.

(iii) It has space for the signature of the licensee and the signature or a facsimile signature of the sheriff who issues the license.
(iv) It does not require the licensee to include serial numbers of handguns, other identification related to handguns, or similar data that is not pertinent or relevant to obtaining the license and that could be used as a de facto means of registration of handguns owned by the licensee.

(b) A series of three-letter county codes that identify each county in this state;

(c) A procedure by which a sheriff shall give each concealed handgun license, replacement concealed handgun license, or renewal concealed handgun license and each concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis or replacement license on a temporary emergency basis the sheriff issues under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code a unique combination of letters and numbers that identifies the county in which the license was issued and that uses the county code and a unique number for each license the sheriff of that county issues;

(d) A form for a concealed handgun license on a temporary emergency basis that is to be issued by sheriffs to persons who qualify for such a license under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, which form shall conform to all the requirements set forth in divisions (A)(2)(a)(i) to (iv) of this section and shall additionally conspicuously specify that the license is issued on a temporary emergency basis and the date of its issuance.

(B)(1) The Ohio peace officer training commission, in consultation with the attorney general, shall prepare a pamphlet that does all of the following, in everyday language:

(a) Explains the firearms laws of this state;

(b) Instructs the reader in dispute resolution and explains the laws of this state related to that matter;

(c) Provides information to the reader regarding all aspects of the use of deadly force with a firearm, including, but not limited to, the steps that should be taken before contemplating the use of, or using, deadly force with a firearm, possible alternatives to using deadly force with a firearm, and the law governing the use of deadly force with a firearm.

(2) The attorney general shall consult with and assist the commission in the preparation of the pamphlet described in division (B)(1) of this section and, as necessary, shall recommend to the
commission changes in the pamphlet to reflect changes in the law that are relevant to it. The attorney
general shall publish the pamphlet on the web site of the attorney general and shall provide the
address of the web site to any person who requests the pamphlet.

(3) The attorney general shall create and maintain a section on the attorney general's web site that
provides information on firearms laws of this state specifically applicable to members of the armed
forces of the United States and a link to the pamphlet described in division (B)(1) of this section.

(C) The Ohio peace officer training commission shall maintain statistics with respect to the issuance,
renewal, suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed handgun licenses under section 2923.125 of
the Revised Code and the suspension of processing of applications for those licenses, and with
respect to the issuance, suspension, revocation, and denial of concealed handgun licenses on a
temporary emergency basis under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code, as reported by the sheriffs
pursuant to division (C) of section 2923.129 of the Revised Code. Not later than the first day of
March in each year, the commission shall submit a statistical report to the governor, the president of
the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives indicating the number of concealed
handgun licenses that were issued, renewed, suspended, revoked, and denied under section 2923.125
of the Revised Code in the previous calendar year, the number of applications for those licenses for
which processing was suspended in accordance with division (D)(3) of that section in the previous
calendar year, and the number of concealed handgun licenses on a temporary emergency basis that
were issued, suspended, revoked, or denied under section 2923.1213 of the Revised Code in the
previous calendar year. Nothing in the statistics or the statistical report shall identify, or enable the
identification of, any individual who was issued or denied a license, for whom a license was
renewed, whose license was suspended or revoked, or for whom application processing was
suspended. The statistics and the statistical report are public records for the purpose of section
149.43 of the Revised Code.

(D) As used in this section, "concealed handgun license" and "handgun" have the same meanings as
in section 2923.11 of the Revised Code.