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House Bill No. 6653

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The Committee on Public Safety and Security reported through REP. BOYD of the 50th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING EMAIL NOTICES OF THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN FIREARM PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES AND SECURITY OFFICER LICENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (f) of section 29-30 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2023*):

4 (f) The issuing authority shall send a notice of the expiration of a state
5 permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-28, to
6 the holder of such permit, by first class mail or electronic mail, not less
7 than ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose] include with
8 such notice a form for the renewal of said state permit. The holder of
9 such permit may mail the form for renewal to the issuing authority and
10 the issuing authority shall accept such form as a valid application for
11 renewal, provided the holder (1) completed the form according to
12 instructions provided by the Department of Emergency Services and
13 Public Protection, (2) enclosed the appropriate fee to renew, in

14 accordance with subsection (a) of this section, (3) enclosed a copy of
15 proof of citizenship or legal residency of the holder, (4) enclosed a full-
16 face photograph of the holder, and (5) is otherwise eligible for such
17 permit pursuant to section 29-28. A state permit to carry a pistol or
18 revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-28, shall be valid for a period of
19 ninety days after the expiration date, except this provision shall not
20 apply to any state permit to carry a pistol or revolver which has been
21 revoked or for which revocation is pending, pursuant to section 29-32.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 29-36h of the general statutes is
23 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
24 *2023*):

25 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
26 shall send a notice of the expiration of an eligibility certificate issued
27 pursuant to section 29-36f to the holder of such certificate, by first class
28 mail or electronic mail, at the address or electronic mail address of such
29 person as shown by the records of the commissioner, not less than
30 ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose therein] include
31 with such notice a form for the renewal of said certificate. An eligibility
32 certificate issued pursuant to said section shall be valid for a period of
33 ninety days from the expiration date, except this provision shall not
34 apply to any certificate which has been revoked or for which revocation
35 is pending, pursuant to section 29-36i.

36 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 29-37r of the general statutes is
37 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
38 *2023*):

39 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
40 shall send a notice of the expiration of a long gun eligibility certificate
41 issued pursuant to section 29-37p to the holder of such certificate, by
42 first class mail or electronic mail, at the address or electronic mail
43 address of such person as shown by the records of the commissioner,
44 not less than ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose
45 therein] include with such notice a form for the renewal of such
46 certificate. A long gun eligibility certificate issued pursuant to said

47 section shall be valid for a period of ninety days from the expiration
48 date, except this provision shall not apply to any certificate which has
49 been revoked or for which revocation is pending, pursuant to section
50 29-37s.

51 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 29-161q of the general statutes is
52 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
53 *2023*):

54 (c) Not later than two years after successful completion of the training
55 required pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, or the waiver of such
56 training, the applicant may submit an application for a license as a
57 security officer on forms furnished by the commissioner and, under
58 oath, shall give the applicant's name, address, date and place of birth,
59 employment for the previous five years, experience in the position
60 applied for, including military training and weapons qualifications, any
61 convictions for violations of the law and such other information as the
62 commissioner may require, by regulation, to properly investigate the
63 character, competency and integrity of the applicant. The commissioner
64 shall require any applicant for a license under this section to submit to
65 state and national criminal history records checks conducted in
66 accordance with section 29-17a. Each applicant shall submit with the
67 application two sets of his or her fingerprints on forms specified and
68 furnished by the commissioner, two full-face photographs, two inches
69 wide by two inches high, taken not earlier than six months prior to the
70 date of application, and a one-hundred-dollar licensing fee, made
71 payable to the state. Any applicant who received a waiver as provided
72 in subsection (b) of this section shall be exempt from payment of such
73 licensing fee. Subject to the provisions of section 46a-80, no person shall
74 be approved for a license who has been convicted of a felony, any sexual
75 offense or any crime involving moral turpitude, or who has been
76 refused a license under the provisions of sections 29-161g to 29-161x,
77 inclusive, for any reason except minimum experience, or whose license,
78 having been granted, has been revoked or is under suspension. Upon
79 being satisfied of the suitability of the applicant for licensure, the
80 commissioner may license the applicant as a security officer. Such

81 license shall be renewed every five years for a one-hundred-dollar fee.
 82 The commissioner shall send a notice of the expiration date of such
 83 license to the holder of such license, by first class mail or electronic mail,
 84 not less than ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose]
 85 include with such notice an application for renewal. The security officer
 86 license shall be valid for a period of ninety days after its expiration date
 87 unless the license has been revoked or is under suspension pursuant to
 88 section 29-161v. An application for renewal filed with the commissioner
 89 after the expiration date shall be accompanied by a late fee of twenty-
 90 five dollars. The commissioner shall not renew any license that has been
 91 expired for more than ninety days.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 29-30(f) |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 29-36h(e) |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 29-37r(e) |
| Sec. 4 | <i>July 1, 2023</i> | 29-161q(c) |

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 24 \$ | FY 25 \$ |
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| Emergency Services and Public Protection, Dept. | GF - Potential Savings | Up to 40,000 | Up to 40,000 |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill authorizes the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to send certain expiration notices and renewal forms by email instead of first class mail, resulting in potential savings of up to \$40,000 annually depending on the number of notices and forms the department sends by email instead of first class mail.

For reference, DESPP processes around 1,000 to 1,300 renewals per week and first class mail currently costs \$0.63 for a standard-sized, rectangular envelope.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of notices and forms sent by email instead of first class mail.

Sources: *United States Postal Service website*

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6653*****AN ACT PERMITTING EMAIL NOTICES OF THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN FIREARM PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES AND SECURITY OFFICER LICENSES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill authorizes the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to send expiration notices and renewal forms by email for (1) handgun permits and eligibility certificates, (2) long gun eligibility certificates, and (3) security officer licenses. Under current law, DESPP must send these notices and forms by first class mail.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 968, favorably reported by the Public Safety and Security Committee, requires security officer license applicants to submit to a state and national criminal history records check when renewing their licenses.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 7 (03/16/2023)