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House Bill No. 6653
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

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***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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*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 elect to receive such notice by first class mail or
10 electronic mail. The holder of such permit may mail the form for
11 renewal to the issuing authority and the issuing authority shall accept
12 such form as a valid application for renewal, provided the holder (1)

13 completed the form according to instructions provided by the
14 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, (2) enclosed
15 the appropriate fee to renew, in accordance with subsection (a) of this
16 section, (3) enclosed a copy of proof of citizenship or legal residency of
17 the holder, (4) enclosed a full-face photograph of the holder, and (5) is
18 otherwise eligible for such permit pursuant to section 29-28. A state
19 permit to carry a pistol or revolver, issued pursuant to section 29-28,
20 shall be valid for a period of ninety days after the expiration date, except
21 this provision shall not apply to any state permit to carry a pistol or
22 revolver which has been revoked or for which revocation is pending,
23 pursuant to section 29-32.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 29-36h of the general statutes is
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
26 *2023*):

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37 this provision shall not apply to any certificate which has been revoked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

39 Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 29-37r of the general statutes is
40 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
41 *2023*):

42 (e) The Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection
43 shall send a notice of the expiration of a long gun eligibility certificate
44 issued pursuant to section 29-37p to the holder of such certificate, by

45 first class mail or electronic mail, at the address or electronic mail
46 address of such person as shown by the records of the commissioner,
47 not less than ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose
48 therein] include with such notice a form for the renewal of such
49 certificate. The holder of such certificate may elect to receive such notice
50 by first class mail or electronic mail. A long gun eligibility certificate
51 issued pursuant to said section shall be valid for a period of ninety days
52 from the expiration date, except this provision shall not apply to any
53 certificate which has been revoked or for which revocation is pending,
54 pursuant to section 29-37s.

55 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 29-161q of the general statutes is
56 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
57 *2023*):

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

79 offense or any crime involving moral turpitude, or who has been
 80 refused a license under the provisions of sections 29-161g to 29-161x,
 81 inclusive, for any reason except minimum experience, or whose license,
 82 having been granted, has been revoked or is under suspension. Upon
 83 being satisfied of the suitability of the applicant for licensure, the
 84 commissioner may license the applicant as a security officer. Such
 85 license shall be renewed every five years for a one-hundred-dollar fee.
 86 The commissioner shall send a notice of the expiration date of such
 87 license to the holder of such license, by first class mail or electronic mail,
 88 not less than ninety days before such expiration, and shall [enclose]
 89 include with such notice an application for renewal. The holder of such
 90 license may elect to receive such notice by first class mail or electronic
 91 mail. The security officer license shall be valid for a period of ninety
 92 days after its expiration date unless the license has been revoked or is
 93 under suspension pursuant to section 29-161v. An application for
 94 renewal filed with the commissioner after the expiration date shall be
 95 accompanied by a late fee of twenty-five dollars. The commissioner shall
 96 not renew any license that has been expired for more than ninety days.

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

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 \$
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. 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.

House "A" allows recipients to elect to receive these expiration notices and renewal forms by first class mail or email, which does not affect the fiscal impact associated with the underlying bill.

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.

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6653 (as amended by House "A")******AN ACT PERMITTING EMAIL NOTICES OF THE EXPIRATION OF CERTAIN FIREARM PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES AND SECURITY OFFICER LICENSES.*****SUMMARY**

This bill allows anyone holding a handgun permit or eligibility certificate, long gun eligibility certificate, or security officer license to opt to receive the expiration notices for these credentials by first class mail or email. It correspondingly authorizes the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) to send these expiration notices and the related renewal forms by email. Under current law, DESPP must send these notices and forms by first class mail.

*House Amendment "A" adds the provision allowing anyone holding these credentials to opt to receive expiration notices by first class mail or email.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

BACKGROUND***Related Bill***

SB 968 (File 243), 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)