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3 \* Section 1. AS 11.61.220(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) In a prosecution under (a)(1) of this section, it is an affirmative defense  
5 that the defendant, at the time of possession, was

6 (1) in the defendant's dwelling or on land owned or leased by the  
7 defendant appurtenant to the dwelling;

8 (2) actually engaged in lawful hunting, fishing, trapping, or other lawful  
9 outdoor activity that necessarily involves the carrying of a weapon for personal  
10 protection;

11 (3) the holder of a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun under  
12 AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 and [,] the weapon was a concealed handgun as defined in  
13 AS 18.65.790 [, AND THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A MUNICIPALITY

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1 OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE POSSESSION OF CONCEALED  
2 HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785]; or

3 (4) considered a permittee under AS 18.65.748 and

4 [(A)] the weapon was a concealed handgun as defined in  
5 AS 18.65.790 [; AND

6 (B) THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A  
7 MUNICIPALITY OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE  
8 POSSESSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER  
9 AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785].

10 \* Sec. 2. AS 11.61.220(d) is amended to read:

11 (d) In a prosecution under (a)(2) of this section, it is

12 (1) an affirmative defense that

13 (A) the defendant, at the time of possession, was the holder of  
14 a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790  
15 or was considered a permittee under AS 18.65.748;

16 (B) the loaded firearm was a concealed handgun as defined in  
17 AS 18.65.790; and

18 (C) the possession occurred at a place designated as a restaurant  
19 for the purposes of AS 04.16.049 and the defendant did not consume  
20 intoxicating liquor at the place; [AND

21 (D) THE POSSESSION DID NOT OCCUR IN A  
22 MUNICIPALITY OR ESTABLISHED VILLAGE IN WHICH THE  
23 POSSESSION OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS IS PROHIBITED UNDER  
24 AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785;]

25 (2) a defense that the defendant, at the time of possession, was on  
26 business premises

27 (A) owned by or leased by the defendant; or

28 (B) in the course of the defendant's employment for the owner  
29 or lessee of those premises.

30 \* Sec. 3. AS 18.65.700(a) is amended to read:

31 (a) The department shall issue a permit to carry a concealed handgun to a

1 person who

2 (1) applies in person at an office of the Alaska State Troopers;

3 (2) qualifies under AS 18.65.705;

4 (3) submits a completed application on a form provided by the  
5 department, that provides the information required under AS 18.65.705 and 18.65.710  
6 [AND IS EXECUTED UNDER OATH]; with each application form provided by the  
7 department, the department shall provide a copy of the state laws and regulations  
8 relating to concealed handguns, which must include a concise summary of where,  
9 when, and by whom a handgun can be carried under state and federal law;

10 (4) submits two complete sets of fingerprints on Federal Bureau of  
11 Investigation approved fingerprint cards that are of sufficient quality so that the  
12 fingerprints may be processed; the fingerprints must be taken by a person, group, or  
13 agency approved by the department; the department shall maintain a list of persons,  
14 groups, or agencies approved to take fingerprints and shall provide the list to the  
15 public upon request;

16 (5) submits evidence of successful completion of a handgun course  
17 [COMPETENCE WITH HANDGUNS] as provided in AS 18.65.715;

18 (6) provides one [TWO] frontal view color photograph  
19 [PHOTOGRAPHS] of the person taken within the preceding 30 days that includes  
20 [INCLUDE] the head and shoulders of the person and is [ARE] of a size specified by  
21 the department;

22 (7) shows a valid Alaska driver's license or identification card at the  
23 time of application;

24 (8) does not suffer a physical infirmity that prevents the safe handling  
25 of a handgun; and

26 (9) pays the application fee required by AS 18.65.720.

27 \* Sec. 4. AS 18.65.700(d) is amended to read:

28 (d) A permit issued under (a) of this section is valid for five years from the  
29 date of issue. [THE PERMIT MUST SPECIFY THE ACTION TYPES AND  
30 MAXIMUM CALIBERS OF HANDGUN DESCRIBED IN THE PERMITTEE'S  
31 CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY UNDER AS 18.65.715 BUT MAY NOT

1 SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFY A HANDGUN BY MAKE, MODEL, OR SERIAL  
2 NUMBER.]

3 \* Sec. 5. AS 18.65.705 is amended to read:

4 Sec. 18.65.705. **Qualifications to obtain a permit.** A person is qualified to  
5 receive and hold a permit to carry a concealed handgun if the person

6 (1) is 21 years of age or older;

7 (2) is eligible to own or possess a handgun under the laws of this state  
8 and under federal law;

9 (3) is a resident of the state and has been for the 90 days immediately  
10 preceding the application for a permit;

11 (4) has not been convicted of two or more class A misdemeanors of  
12 this state or similar laws of another jurisdiction within the six years immediately  
13 preceding the application;

14 (5) is not now in and has not in the three years immediately preceding  
15 the application been ordered by a court to complete an alcohol or substance abuse  
16 treatment program; and

17 (6) has successfully completed a handgun course [DEMONSTRATED  
18 COMPETENCE WITH HANDGUNS] as provided in AS 18.65.715.

19 \* Sec. 6. AS 18.65.710(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) The application for a permit to carry a concealed handgun must contain the  
21 following information:

22 (1) the applicant's name, physical residence, mailing address, place and  
23 date of birth, physical description, including height, weight, race, hair color, and eye  
24 color, Alaska driver's license or identification card number, and the city and state of  
25 each place the applicant has resided in the five years immediately preceding the  
26 application;

27 (2) a statement that the applicant qualifies under AS 18.65.705;

28 (3) a statement that the applicant has been furnished with a copy of the  
29 state laws and regulations relating to concealed handguns, has read those sections, and  
30 understands them;

31 (4) a statement that the applicant desires a permit to carry a concealed

1 handgun for a lawful purpose, which may include self-defense;

2 (5) a [SWORN] statement by the applicant that all statements, answers,  
3 and attachments to the application are true and complete;

4 (6) a conspicuous warning that [THE APPLICATION IS EXECUTED  
5 UNDER OATH AND THAT] an applicant who supplies a false statement, answer, or  
6 document, in connection with the application that the applicant does not believe to be  
7 true, may be prosecuted for unsworn falsification [PERJURY UNDER AS 11.56.200]  
8 and, if found guilty, may be punished for violation of a class A misdemeanor [B  
9 FELONY], and that, in such cases, the permit shall be revoked and the applicant may  
10 be barred from any further application for a permit; and

11 (7) a statement that the applicant understands that a permit eligibility  
12 investigation will be conducted as a part of the application process, that this may  
13 involve computerized records searches, and that the applicant authorizes the  
14 investigation.

15 \* Sec. 7. AS 18.65.715(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) An applicant for a permit to carry a concealed handgun shall provide a  
17 certificate of successful completion of a handgun course that is approved by the  
18 department. [THE CERTIFICATE MUST STATE THE ACTION TYPE AND  
19 CALIBER OF HANDGUN OR HANDGUNS THE APPLICANT HAS  
20 DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE WITH AND THAT THE APPLICANT MAY BE  
21 PERMITTED TO CARRY. A PERMITTEE MAY ONLY CARRY AS A  
22 CONCEALED HANDGUN AN ACTION TYPE OF HANDGUN DESCRIBED IN  
23 THE CERTIFICATE. A PERMITTEE MAY ONLY CARRY AS A CONCEALED  
24 HANDGUN THE CALIBER OF THE ACTION TYPE THAT THE PERMITTEE  
25 DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE WITH OR ANY LESSER CALIBER OF THE  
26 SAME ACTION TYPE.] The handgun course must have been completed within the  
27 12 months immediately preceding the application. The department shall approve a  
28 handgun course, including the personal protection course offered by the National Rifle  
29 Association, if the course tests the applicant's

30 (1) knowledge of Alaska law relating to firearms and the use of deadly  
31 force;

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- 1 (2) familiarity with the basic concepts of the safe and responsible use  
2 of handguns;
- 3 (3) knowledge of self-defense principles; and
- 4 (4) physical competence with a [EACH ACTION TYPE OF] handgun  
5 [THE APPLICANT WISHES TO CARRY UNDER THE PERMIT AND THE  
6 MAXIMUM CALIBER FOR EACH ACTION TYPE THE APPLICANT WISHES TO  
7 CARRY UNDER THE PERMIT].

8 \* Sec. 8. AS 18.65.725(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) A permittee shall apply [IN PERSON] for renewal of a permit to carry a  
10 concealed handgun within 90 days before the expiration of the permit and shall present  
11 a complete renewal form provided by the department. The renewal form [SHALL BE  
12 SUBMITTED UNDER OATH AND] must include

13 (1) any change in the information originally submitted under  
14 AS 18.65.710;

15 (2) a statement that the person remains qualified to receive and hold  
16 a permit to carry a concealed handgun under AS 18.65.705;

17 (3) ~~one~~ [REPEALED

18 (4) TWO] frontal view photograph [PHOTOGRAPHS] of the person  
19 taken within the preceding 30 days that includes [INCLUDE] the head and shoulders  
20 of the person and is [ARE] of a size specified by the department;

21 ~~(4)~~ [AND (5)] the renewal fee required under AS 18.65.720; and

22 (5) the warning listed in AS 18.65.710(a)(6).

23 \* Sec. 9. AS 18.65.725(c) is amended to read:

24 (c) A renewal of a permit to carry a concealed handgun submitted on or after  
25 the expiration date is subject to a late fee of \$25. The department may not accept a  
26 renewal for a permit that is submitted more than 60 [30] days after the expiration date  
27 of the permit. Nothing in this subsection prohibits the holder of an expired permit  
28 from applying for a new permit.

29 \* Sec. 10. AS 18.65.730 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 18.65.730. Replacement of permit.** The department may replace a  
31 permit that the permittee certifies under oath has been lost, stolen, or destroyed,

1 provided the permittee applies in person and

2 (1) provides one [TWO] frontal view photograph [PHOTOGRAPHS]  
3 of the permittee taken within the preceding 30 days that includes [INCLUDE] the head  
4 and shoulders and is [ARE] of a size specified by the department;

5 (2) [SUBMITS TO THE TAKING OF A SINGLE THUMB OR  
6 FINGERPRINT BY THE DEPARTMENT TO COMPARE AGAINST THE  
7 FINGERPRINT ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION; AND

8 (3)] pays the replacement fee required under AS 18.65.720.

9 \* Sec. 11. AS 18.65.740(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) A permit to carry a concealed handgun shall be immediately revoked by  
11 the department when the permittee

12 (1) becomes disqualified to receive and hold a permit under  
13 AS 18.65.705;

14 (2) is convicted of two class A misdemeanors of this state or similar  
15 laws of another jurisdiction within a six-year period if at least one of the convictions  
16 occurs after the application;

17 (3) knowingly supplied a false or fraudulent answer, statement, or  
18 document, or made a material misstatement or omission, in connection with an  
19 application for a permit or renewal or replacement of a permit.

20 \* Sec. 12. AS 18.65.748 is amended to read:

21 **Sec. 18.65.748. Permit holders from other jurisdictions considered Alaska**  
22 **permit holders.** A person holding a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun from  
23 another state or a political subdivision of another state

24 (1) with permit requirements similar to [AT LEAST AS STRICT AS]  
25 those in AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 is a permittee under AS 18.65.700(b) for purposes  
26 of AS 18.65.750 - 18.65.765 if the person has not been in Alaska for more than 120  
27 consecutive days; in this paragraph, "permit requirements similar to those in  
28 AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790" means that, in order to receive and hold the permit in  
29 the other state or political subdivision, the person must

30 (A) be at least 21 years of age;

31 (B) be eligible to own or possess a handgun under state or

1 federal law;

2 (C) successfully complete some type of handgun or firearms  
3 safety course; and

4 (D) be subject to a fingerprint-based criminal records  
5 search;

6 (2) is a permittee under AS 18.65.700(b) for purposes of  
7 AS 18.65.750 - 18.65.765 if the person has not been in Alaska for more than 120  
8 consecutive days and the other state or political subdivision allows a permittee  
9 under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 to carry a concealed handgun in the other state  
10 or political subdivision; the department shall determine which states or political  
11 subdivisions grant reciprocity to permittees under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 and  
12 shall distribute a list of those jurisdictions to each law enforcement agency in this  
13 state.

14 \* Sec. 13. AS 18.65.760(a) is amended to read:

15 (a) The holder of a permit issued under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 may not

16 (1) alter the permit;

17 (2) allow another person to use the permit;

18 (3) possess or display a suspended or revoked permit; or

19 (4) display an expired permit, unless the holder has submitted a  
20 complete, timely renewal form under AS 18.65.725 and the renewal process has  
21 been delayed due to circumstances not under the control of the applicant.

22 \* Sec. 14. AS 18.65.778 is amended to read:

23 **Sec. 18.65.778. Municipal preemption.** A municipality may not restrict the  
24 carrying of a concealed handgun by permit under AS 18.65.700 - 18.65.790 [EXCEPT  
25 AS PROVIDED IN AS 18.65.780 - 18.65.785].

26 \* Sec. 15. AS 18.65.725(b), 18.65.765(a)(4), 18.65.780, 18.65.785, 18.65.790(5), and  
27 18.65.790(6) are repealed.