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Short Title: Concealed Handgun Exemption.	(Public)
Sponsors:	
Referred to:	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO EXEMPT A SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR A RETIRED SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER FROM THE TRAINING REQUIRED TO QUALIFY FOR A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT IF THE OFFICER APPLIES FOR A PERMIT WITHIN TWO YEARS OF RETIREMENT.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. Article 54B of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 14-415.12A. Firearms safety and training course exemption for qualified sworn law enforcement officers.

A person who is a qualified sworn law enforcement officer or a qualified former sworn law enforcement officer is deemed to have satisfied the requirement under G.S. 14-415.12(a)(4) that an applicant successfully complete an approved firearms safety and training course."

Section 2. G.S. 14-415.10 is amended by adding the following subdivisions:

"(4) Qualified former sworn law enforcement officer. – An individual who retired from service as a law enforcement officer with a local or State agency in North Carolina, other than for reasons of mental disability, who has been retired as a sworn law enforcement officer two years or

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3		<u>a.</u>	Immediately before retirement, the individual was a qualified
4			law enforcement officer with a local or State agency in North
5			<u>Carolina.</u>
6		<u>b.</u>	The individual has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the
7			retirement plan of the agency as a law enforcement officer.
8		<u>c.</u>	The individual is not prohibited by State or federal law from
9			receiving a firearm.
10	<u>(5)</u>	Quali	fied sworn law enforcement officer A law enforcement officer
11		emplo	yed by a local or State agency in North Carolina who satisfies all
12		of the	following:
13		<u>a.</u>	The individual is authorized by the agency to carry a handgun in
14			the course of duty.
15		<u>b.</u>	The individual is not the subject of a disciplinary action by the
16			agency that prevents the carrying of a handgun.
17		<u>c.</u>	The individual meets the requirements established by the agency
18			regarding handguns."
19			S.S. 14-415.14(a) reads as rewritten:
20	` '		hall make permit applications readily available at the office of the
21			ic offices in the sheriff's jurisdiction. The permit application shall
22			m to be prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and
23			owing information with regard to the applicant: name, address,
24	physical description, signature, date of birth, social security number, military status, <u>law</u>		
25	enforcement status, and the drivers license number or State identification card number of		
26	the applicant if used for identification in applying for the permit."		
27	Sectio	n 4. T	his act becomes effective December 1, 1997.