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Day Files Legislation to Clear Up CCW Language

JEFFERSON CITY – State Representative David Day (R-Dixon) has filed legislation, HB 1045, that will clear up language passed last session concerning the permit process for concealed weapons. Last year’s legislation did a number of things concerning the concealed carry laws in Missouri. Among those things were changes in the requirements of training to obtain a CCW License.

“During the process of passing HB 294 last session, the Senate added language that increased the amount of training needed for a CCW permit” said Day. “The intent of that language was for new permits only, not for those that are renewing a permit. Personally, I feel the way it is written is pretty clear, however I have received reports that there are a few sheriff departments in the state that are requiring individuals renewing their permits to do the training over again. That is not what the intent of the law was and this bill simply clears up that language even more.”

Most sheriff departments are not requiring the new training unless it is for an individual obtaining a new permit or if someone has allowed their permit to expire. HB 1045, filed by Representative Day, simply states that the language passed for new training in HB 294 during the 2011 legislative session was for new permits only, not for those that are renewing their permits. If someone has allowed their permit to expire, that will be considered a new permit.

“Most departments, including the one where I live in Pulaski County, are aware of what the intent of the law was and also feel that it is written clearly and allows them to only require this of new permits. However, because of a few departments in the state making a different interpretation of the law, I am filing this legislation to clear up any misunderstandings and to eliminate the unnecessary hassle and expense of law-abiding citizens exercising their right to carry a concealed weapon” concluded Day.

The 2012 legislative session will begin at noon on January 4, 2012. This will be Rep. Day’s last legislative session due to term limits.