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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to public safety; providing that the discharge papers of a veteran are

1.3 considered the legal equivalent of a permit to carry a firearm; amending Minnesota

1.4 Statutes 2024, section 624.714, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 25. **Military discharge papers; equivalent to permit to carry.** Notwithstanding

1.9 any provision in this section or other law to the contrary, a veteran, as defined in section

1.10 197.447, may carry a pistol as provided in this subdivision under any circumstances and in

1.11 any location in which a permit to carry is otherwise required. The veteran must possess the

1.12 original or a certified copy of the veteran's government form DD214 while carrying the

1.13 pistol. This form constitutes the legal equivalency of a permit to carry. The veteran is not

1.14 required to apply for a permit to carry, pay any fees, or demonstrate training in the safe use

1.15 of a pistol. All other provisions of this section and other laws relating to permits to carry

1.16 pistols apply to a veteran carrying under this subdivision.