



State of Wisconsin
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2025 SENATE BILL 487

October 2, 2025 - Introduced by Senators L. JOHNSON, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, HESSELBEIN, KEYESKI, LARSON, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Representatives STROUD, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, CLANCY, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HYSELL, JOERS, MADISON, MAYADEV, MIRESE, NEUBAUER, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SUBECK, TAYLOR, TENORIO, UDELL, STUBBS and JOHNSON. Referred to Committee on Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development.

1 **AN ACT to repeal** 175.60 (4) (a) 1. a.; **to renumber and amend** 175.60 (4) (b)
2 **2.; to amend** 175.60 (4) (a) (intro.), 175.60 (4) (a) 3. and 175.60 (15) (d); **to**
3 **create** 175.60 (4) (am), 175.60 (4) (b) 2. a., b., c., d. and e. and 175.60 (15) (b) 3.
4 of the statutes; **relating to:** training requirements for a license to carry a
5 concealed weapon.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Justice issues licenses to carry concealed weapons to qualified applicants who submit required materials, including proof that the applicant completed a firearms safety course or program. Under current law, DOJ may not require that the course or program require the applicant to fire live ammunition, and a person who has a license may renew the license without completing another firearms safety course or program. Under this bill, a course or program must require the applicant to fire live ammunition and provide information on gun safety and storage, including safe storage while traveling and safe storage in a vehicle; preventing accidental shootings; and suicide prevention. In addition, a course or program must provide training on de-escalation techniques and strategies. The bill also requires a licensee to complete a continuing firearms safety course or program to renew a license and requires that

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safety course or program to contain the same content requirements that the bill requires for the initial training. Finally, the bill eliminates the completion of a hunter education program as proof of the training requirement under current law.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 175.60 (4) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.60 (4) (a) (intro.) ~~The~~ Subject to par. (b), the proof of training requirement under sub. (7) (e) may be met by any of the following:

SECTION 2. 175.60 (4) (a) 1. a. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 3. 175.60 (4) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

175.60 (4) (a) 3. A current or expired license, or a photocopy of a current or expired license, that the individual holds or has held that indicates that the individual is licensed or has been licensed to carry a firearm in this state or in another state or in a county or municipality of this state or of another state ~~unless~~ along with proof that, to receive the license, the individual underwent training that satisfies the requirements under par. (b). This subdivision does not apply if the license has been revoked for cause.

SECTION 4. 175.60 (4) (am) of the statutes is created to read:

175.60 (4) (am) The proof of continuing training requirement under sub. (15) (b) 3. may be met by a copy of a document, or an affidavit from an instructor or organization that conducted the course or program, that indicates the individual completed a course or program under par. (a) 1., 2., or 4. after the issuance of the license that is being renewed.

SECTION 5. 175.60 (4) (b) 2. of the statutes is renumbered 175.60 (4) (b) 2. (intro.) and amended to read:

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1 175.60 (4) (b) 2. (intro.) ~~The department may not require firing live~~
2 ~~ammunition~~ A course or program shall contain all of the following to meet the
3 training requirements under par. (a): and the continuing training requirements
4 under par. (am):

5 **SECTION 6.** 175.60 (4) (b) 2. a., b., c., d. and e. of the statutes are created to
6 read:

7 175.60 (4) (b) 2. a. Training on and practicing firing live ammunition.

8 b. Information and instructions on firearms safety and storage, including safe
9 storage while traveling and safe storage in a vehicle.

10 c. Methods to prevent accidental shootings.

11 d. Information on suicide prevention.

12 e. Training on de-escalation techniques and strategies.

13 **SECTION 7.** 175.60 (15) (b) 3. of the statutes is created to read:

14 175.60 (15) (b) 3. Submits proof of continuing training as described in sub. (4)
15 (am).

16 **SECTION 8.** 175.60 (15) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

17 175.60 (15) (d) The department shall issue a renewal license by 1st class mail
18 within 21 days of receiving ~~a renewal application, statement, and fees~~ all items
19 under par. (b).

20 **SECTION 9. Initial applicability.**

21 (1) The treatment of s. 175.60 (4) (a) (intro.), 1. a., and 3. and (am) and (15) (b)
22 3. and (d), the renumbering and amendment of s. 175.60 (4) (b) 2., and the creation

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1 of s. 175.60 (4) (b) 2. a., b., c., d., and e. first apply to applications for license issuance
2 or renewal that are submitted on the effective date of this subsection.

3 (END)