A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FIREARMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Section 134-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

"(a) In an exceptional case, when an applicant shows reason to fear injury to the applicant's person or property, the chief of police of the appropriate county may grant a license to an applicant who is a citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or more or to a duly accredited official representative of a foreign nation of the age of twenty-one years or more to carry a pistol or revolver and ammunition therefor concealed on the person within the [county where the license is granted] State. Where the urgency or the need has been sufficiently indicated, the respective chief of police may grant to an applicant of good moral character who is a citizen of the United States of the age of twenty-one years or more, is engaged in the protection of life and property, and is not prohibited under section 134-7 from the ownership or possession of a firearm, a license to carry a pistol or revolver and
ammunition therefor unconcealed on the person within the [county
where the license is granted.] State. The chief of police of
the appropriate county[τ] in which the applicant resides, or the
chief's designated representative, shall perform an inquiry on
an applicant by using the National Instant Criminal Background
Check System, to include a check of the Immigration and Customs
Enforcement databases where the applicant is not a citizen of
the United States, before any determination to grant a license
is made. Unless renewed, the license shall expire [one-year]
five years from the date of issue."

SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

INTRODUCED BY: [Signature]

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Report Title:
Firearms; Open Carry; Concealed Carry; Licenses

Description:
Authorizes county police department to issue a person a license to carry a handgun in all counties of the State. Extends the expiration date of a license from one year to five years.

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