

## No CCW Renewal Training Required

The 47th Legislature, Second Regular session has adjourned! This means that **House Bill 2074 (no renewal training)** will go into law (amending ARS Title 13-3112) on the 21st of September 2006. Starting on that date you may submit a "renewal packet" to the Concealed Weapon Permit Unit. Your packet needs to include, 1) Application (check the renewal box). 2) completed fingerprint card. 3) a money order, cashiers check, or certified check for \$65.00 (payable to AZ DPS). You may voluntary take the renewal course through a training organization of your choice.

We have received a substantial number of questions regarding the impact of the passage of **HB 2074 (no renewal training/recognition of permits)**, so we will attempt to answer them here:

**1) Does this mean permit holders do not have to take the renewal class to renew their permit?**

Once this law takes effect (likely sometime in August or September 2006), it appears that permit holders are no longer required to take the 2-hour renewal class to renew their permit. Applicants will simply submit a renewal packet.

**2) Does this mean that AZ permits are good forever? Are they "lifetime permits" now?** No, permits must be renewed every five years (or four years for permits issued before August 12, 2005), but no 2-hour training class is required now. The current plan is that permit holders will obtain the renewal packet from existing CCW instructors or they may get them from DPS via mail (or in person). A fillable application on the website has been discussed as well. The applicant will mail the completed packet to DPS along with the appropriate fee and a fingerprint card (unless it is their 2nd or subsequent renewal, then no fingerprint card is required). Note - Every renewal for at least the next four years or so requires a fingerprint card.

**3) Will all other State's permits will be recognized here in AZ?** If the permit and permit holder meet these conditions:

1. The permit or license is recognized as valid in the issuing state.
2. The permit or license holder is all of the following:
  - (a) Not a resident of this state.
  - (b) Legally present in this state.
  - (c) Not legally prohibited from possessing a firearm in this state.

This means all government (state, county, city) issued bonafide CCW permits will be recognized in AZ if held by a nonresident AND the permit is valid throughout the state of issue. AZ residents MUST carry concealed using an AZ permit - no other permits will be legal, even if there was a previously signed reciprocal agreement. The DPS will enter into new written agreements with states that require a written agreement. Bottom line: AZ residents cannot use another state's permit to carry concealed in AZ.

**4) How will I know the date when 90 days after the current legislature has adjourned?** The CWPU will announce the effective date via the website and newsletter to training organizations. The State Legislature website will also publish this information.

**5) Will there be a window or grace period when the new law takes effect (90 days prior to or 60 days after my current permit expires) so I don't have to take the training?** The current law requires renewal applicants to take a 2 hour course. After the 21st of September the ARS 13-3112 (Concealed Carry) is amended to remove the requirement to take the 2 hour course. If your permit expires close to the 21st of September you have the option of allowing your permit to expire and renew after the law is amended. We will allow you 60 days after your permit expires to renew. If you go past the 60 day window you will have to start the process all over as a new applicant.

**6) What else does HB 2074 do?** HB 2074 does the following: It eliminates the 2-hour training requirement; It better protects all records on CCW permit holders and instructors; It creates "universal"

recognition of all states' permits (conditionally); It eliminates confusing language pertaining to reciprocity/recognition; and makes a technical change related to LEOSA statutes. By creating universal recognition of permits, this will (presumably) add a number of new states that will recognize the AZ permit.

**7) How did this bill come about?** This bill (HB 2074) began as simply a means to eliminate the 2-hour renewal training requirement and to make a technical change to the statutes related to LEOSA (DPS did not support HB 2074). During the legislative session and while HB 2074 was in the State Senate, DPS introduced (to elements within the legislature) proposed changes to existing statutes that would create universal recognition of permits, eliminate existing reciprocity/recognition laws and add language that would better protect permit holder and instructor records. The DPS proposed changes were not intended to be included in HB 2074 but that is where they were ultimately introduced.