

HB0329

HB 329 seeks to extend the renewal period of the handgun permit for retired law enforcement officers to 5 years. With the 2023 passage of **HB 824**, the costs related to handgun licenses (*initial, renewal and replacement*) for concealed carry permit holders **increased** and, somehow, the validation period of said license inexplicably **decreased**. It only makes good sense to also **increase** the validation period of said license to 5 years as well, not just for law enforcement officials but for the law-abiding citizens who have the concealed carry licenses as well.

I ask for a favorable report for this bill with the above amendment to include all handgun licensees.