

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapon training.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 237.120 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The Department of Criminal Justice Training shall operate and maintain a program for firearms instructor trainers for the concealed deadly weapon training program. Only the General Assembly may eliminate the firearms instructor trainer program.
- (2) A firearms instructor trainer shall meet the requirements to be a firearms instructor and shall:
 - (a) Possess a high school diploma or GED certificate;
 - (b) Successfully complete a firearms instructor trainer course of not more than sixteen (16) hours provided by the department; and
 - (c) Possess at least one (1) of the following valid firearms instructor certifications:
 1. National Rifle Association Personal Protection Instructor;
 2. National Rifle Association Pistol Marksmanship Instructor;
 3. Certification from a Kentucky or other firearms instructor course offered by a state or federal governmental agency; or
 4. Certification from another firearms instructor training course that has been determined by the Commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training to be equivalent to one (1) of the above listed courses.
- (3) Certification as a firearms instructor trainer shall be valid for a period of three (3) years during which an instructor trainer shall:
 - (a) Conduct or assist in at least one (1) firearms instructor course; or
 - (b) Conduct or assist in at least one (1) applicant training course; and
 - (c) Attend an instructor trainer/instructor in-service training course of not more than four (4) hours conducted by the department; and
 - (d) Not have become ineligible to be a firearms instructor trainer.

- (4) **(a)** The department shall conduct in-service training for firearms instructor trainers and certified firearms instructors. In-service training courses shall be held not less than twice each year in each congressional district and shall be offered at various times during the year ensuring that the maximum number of persons can attend. Preference shall be given to conducting in-service training classes on a Friday or a Saturday. Notice of the time, date, and location for in-service training for each calendar year shall be sent to each firearms instructor trainer and certified firearms instructor by mail or by e-mail not less than thirty (30) days prior to the beginning of the first class for each calendar year. The cost of the in-service training shall be not more than fifty dollars (\$50).
- (b) The department shall review all in-service training materials every three (3) years and update the materials as needed.**
- (5) At the end of the certification period, the department shall issue a new firearms instructor trainer certification to a person who has completed the provisions of this section, unless that firearms instructor trainer notifies the department in writing that he or she desires not to be recertified or is otherwise ineligible to be recertified. There shall be no charge for recertification. A firearms instructor trainer who has permitted his or her certification to expire may take the in-service course and be recertified for a period of up to one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of expiration of the certification without having to repeat the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.
- (6) The fee for a firearms instructor trainer course shall be not more than one hundred dollars (\$100). No portion of the fee shall be refunded to any student who fails or who does not complete the required course of training.
- (7) Any state agency or public university which owns a firing range shall make that range available to the department for the conduct of in-service training without charge if the department determines that for any particular year's in-service training

that range firing is required.