

### **100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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#### HB4662

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## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/24-2 730 ILCS 110/17 730 ILCS 110/17.1 new 730 ILCS 125/26.1 new

Amends the Criminal Code of 2012, the Probation and Probation Officers Act, and the County Jail Act. Permits currently-employed and qualified-retired county correctional officers and county probation officers in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants to carry their own firearms off-duty without being in violation of the unlawful use of weapons and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon statutes if they meet certain currently-employed training requirements. Provides that and qualified-retired county correctional officers and county probation officers shall carry a photographic identification and a valid annual firearm certificate while carrying their own firearms off-duty. Limited to correctional officers who have custody and control over inmates in an adult correctional facility and probation officers for adult probationers.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

# 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Criminal Code of 2012 is amended by changing
  Section 24-2 as follows:
- 6 (720 ILCS 5/24-2)
- 7 Sec. 24-2. Exemptions.

8 (a) Subsections 24-1(a)(3), 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(10), and
9 24-1(a)(13) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of
10 the following:

- (1) Peace officers, and any person summoned by a peace
   officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the
   peace, while actually engaged in assisting such officer.
- 14 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons,
  15 penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the
  16 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense,
  17 while in the performance of their official duty, or while
  18 commuting between their homes and places of employment.
- 19 (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of 20 the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the 21 Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance 22 of their official duty.
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(4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public

utility to perform police functions, and guards of armored car companies, while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment; and watchmen while actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their employment.

7 (5) Persons licensed as private security contractors, 8 private detectives, or private alarm contractors, or 9 employed by a private security contractor, private 10 detective, or private alarm contractor agency licensed by 11 the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, 12 if their duties include the carrying of a weapon under the provisions of the Private Detective, 13 Private Alarm, 14 Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 15 2004, while actually engaged in the performance of the 16 duties of their employment or commuting between their homes 17 and places of employment. A person shall be considered eligible for this exemption if he or she has completed the 18 19 required 20 hours of training for a private security 20 contractor, private detective, or private alarm 21 contractor, or employee of a licensed private security 22 contractor, private detective, or private alarm contractor 23 agency and 20 hours of required firearm training, and has 24 been issued a firearm control card by the Department of 25 Financial and Professional Regulation. Conditions for the 26 renewal of firearm control cards issued under the

provisions of this Section shall be the same as for those 1 2 cards issued under the provisions of the Private Detective, 3 Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. The firearm control card shall be 4 5 carried by the private security contractor, private 6 detective, or private alarm contractor, or employee of the 7 licensed private security contractor, private detective, 8 or private alarm contractor agency at all times when he or 9 she is in possession of a concealable weapon permitted by 10 his or her firearm control card.

11 (6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or 12 industrial operation as a security guard for the protection of persons employed and private property related to such 13 14 commercial or industrial operation, while actually engaged 15 in the performance of his or her duty or traveling between 16 sites or properties belonging to the employer, and who, as 17 a security quard, is a member of a security force 18 registered with the Department of Financial and 19 Professional Regulation; provided that such security guard 20 has successfully completed a course of study, approved by 21 and supervised by the Department of Financial and 22 Professional Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 23 hours of training that includes the theory of law 24 enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of 25 weapons. A person shall be considered eligible for this 26 exemption if he or she has completed the required 20 hours

of training for a security officer and 20 hours of required 1 2 firearm training, and has been issued a firearm control 3 card by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Conditions for the renewal of firearm control 4 cards issued under the provisions of this Section shall be 5 6 the same as for those cards issued under the provisions of the Private Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, 7 8 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. The firearm 9 control card shall be carried by the security guard at all 10 times when he or she is in possession of a concealable 11 weapon permitted by his or her firearm control card.

12 and investigators of the Tllinois (7)Agents 13 Legislative Investigating Commission authorized by the 14 Commission to carry the weapons specified in subsections 15 24-1(a)(3) and 24-1(a)(4), while on duty in the course of 16 any investigation for the Commission.

17 (8) Persons employed by a financial institution as a security guard for the protection of other employees and 18 19 property related to such financial institution, while 20 actually engaged in the performance of their duties, 21 commuting between their homes and places of employment, or 22 traveling between sites or properties owned or operated by 23 such financial institution, and who, as a security guard, is a member of a security force registered with the 24 25 Department; provided that any person so employed has 26 successfully completed a course of study, approved by and

supervised by the Department of Financial and Professional 1 2 Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of 3 training which includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person 4 5 shall be considered to be eligible for this exemption if he 6 or she has completed the required 20 hours of training for 7 a security officer and 20 hours of required firearm 8 training, and has been issued a firearm control card by the 9 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. 10 Conditions for renewal of firearm control cards issued 11 under the provisions of this Section shall be the same as 12 for those issued under the provisions of the Private 13 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint 14 Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. The firearm control card 15 shall be carried by the security guard at all times when he 16 or she is in possession of a concealable weapon permitted 17 by his or her firearm control card. For purposes of this subsection, "financial institution" means a bank, savings 18 19 and loan association, credit union or company providing 20 armored car services.

(9) Any person employed by an armored car company to
 drive an armored car, while actually engaged in the
 performance of his duties.

(10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers
 pursuant to the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act.

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(11) Investigators of the Office of the State's

Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor authorized by the board of governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to Section 7.06 of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

5 (12) Special investigators appointed by a State's 6 Attorney under Section 3-9005 of the Counties Code.

7 (12.5) Probation officers while in the performance of 8 their duties, or while commuting between their homes, 9 places of employment or specific locations that are part of 10 their assigned duties, with the consent of the chief judge 11 of the circuit for which they are employed, if they have 12 received weapons training according to requirements of the 13 Peace Officer and Probation Officer Firearm Training Act.

14 (13) Court Security Officers while in the performance 15 of their official duties, or while commuting between their 16 homes and places of employment, with the consent of the 17 Sheriff.

18 (13.5) A person employed as an armed security guard at 19 a nuclear energy, storage, weapons or development site or 20 facility regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission 21 who has completed the background screening and training 22 mandated by the rules and regulations of the Nuclear 23 Regulatory Commission.

(14) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of weapons
to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through
(13.5) of this subsection to possess those weapons.

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1 (a-5) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) do not apply 2 to or affect any person carrying a concealed pistol, revolver, 3 or handgun and the person has been issued a currently valid 4 license under the Firearm Concealed Carry Act at the time of 5 the commission of the offense.

6 (b) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section 7 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of the following:

8 (1) Members of any club or organization organized for 9 the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon 10 established target ranges, whether public or private, and 11 patrons of such ranges, while such members or patrons are 12 using their firearms on those target ranges.

13 (2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations
14 while parading, with the special permission of the
15 Governor.

16 (3) Hunters, trappers or fishermen with a license or
 17 permit while engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.

18 (4) Transportation of weapons that are broken down in a
 19 non-functioning state or are not immediately accessible.

(5) Carrying or possessing any pistol, revolver, stun
gun or taser or other firearm on the land or in the legal
dwelling of another person as an invitee with that person's
permission.

24 (c) Subsection 24-1(a)(7) does not apply to or affect any 25 of the following:

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(1) Peace officers while in performance of their

1 official duties.

(2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons,
 penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the
 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense.

5 (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of 6 the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in 7 the performance of their official duty.

8 (4) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of machine 9 guns to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through 10 (3) of this subsection to possess machine guns, if the 11 machine guns are broken down in a non-functioning state or 12 are not immediately accessible.

13 (5) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture 14 any weapon from which 8 or more shots or bullets can be 15 discharged by a single function of the firing device, or 16 ammunition for such weapons, and actually engaged in the 17 business of manufacturing such weapons or ammunition, but only with respect to activities which are within the lawful 18 19 scope such business, such as the manufacture, of 20 transportation, or testing of such weapons or ammunition. 21 This exemption does not authorize the general private 22 possession of any weapon from which 8 or more shots or 23 bullets can be discharged by a single function of the 24 firing device, but only such possession and activities as 25 are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing 26 business described in this paragraph.

During transportation, such weapons shall be broken down in a non-functioning state or not immediately accessible.

The manufacture, transport, testing, delivery, 4 (6) 5 transfer or sale, and all lawful commercial or experimental activities necessary thereto, of rifles, shotguns, and 6 7 weapons made from rifles or shotguns, or ammunition for 8 such rifles, shotquns or weapons, where engaged in by a 9 person operating as a contractor or subcontractor pursuant 10 to a contract or subcontract for the development and supply 11 of such rifles, shotguns, weapons or ammunition to the 12 United States government or any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, when such activities are necessary 13 14 and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

15 The exemption granted under this subdivision (c)(6) 16 shall also apply to any authorized agent of any such 17 contractor or subcontractor who is operating within the 18 scope of his employment, where such activities involving 19 such weapon, weapons or ammunition are necessary and 20 incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

(7) A person possessing a rifle with a barrel or
barrels less than 16 inches in length if: (A) the person
has been issued a Curios and Relics license from the U.S.
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; or (B)
the person is an active member of a bona fide, nationally
recognized military re-enacting group and the modification

is required and necessary to accurately portray the weapon for historical re-enactment purposes; the re-enactor is in possession of a valid and current re-enacting group membership credential; and the overall length of the weapon as modified is not less than 26 inches.

6 (d) Subsection 24-1(a)(1) does not apply to the purchase,
7 possession or carrying of a black-jack or slung-shot by a peace
8 officer.

9 (e) Subsection 24-1(a)(8) does not apply to any owner, 10 manager or authorized employee of any place specified in that 11 subsection nor to any law enforcement officer.

(f) Subsection 24-1(a)(4) and subsection 24-1(a)(10) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.

17 (g) Subsections 24-1(a)(11) and 24-3.1(a)(6) do not apply 18 to:

19 (1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of
20 the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in
21 the performance of their official duty.

22 (2) Bonafide collectors of antique or surplus military23 ordnance.

(3) Laboratories having a department of forensic
 ballistics, or specializing in the development of
 ammunition or explosive ordnance.

(4) Commerce, preparation, assembly or possession of 1 2 explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed 3 by the federal government, in connection with the supply of those organizations and persons exempted by subdivision 4 5 (q) (1) of this Section, or like organizations and persons outside this State, or the transportation of explosive 6 7 bullets to any organization or person exempted in this 8 Section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased 9 by an exempted manufacturer.

10 (q-5) Subsection 24-1(a)(6) does not apply to or affect 11 persons licensed under federal law to manufacture any device or 12 attachment of any kind designed, used, or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm, firearms, or ammunition 13 14 for those firearms equipped with those devices, and actually 15 engaged in the business of manufacturing those devices, 16 firearms, or ammunition, but only with respect to activities 17 that are within the lawful scope of that business, such as the manufacture, transportation, or testing of those devices, 18 19 firearms, or ammunition. This exemption does not authorize the 20 general private possession of any device or attachment of any kind designed, used, or intended for use in silencing the 21 22 report of any firearm, but only such possession and activities 23 as are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing this 24 business described in subsection (q-5). During 25 transportation, these devices shall be detached from any weapon 26 or not immediately accessible.

1 (g-6) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section 2 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any parole agent or parole 3 supervisor who meets the qualifications and conditions 4 prescribed in Section 3-14-1.5 of the Unified Code of 5 Corrections.

6 (q-7) Subsection 24-1(a)(6) does not apply to a peace 7 officer while serving as a member of a tactical response team 8 or special operations team. A peace officer may not personally 9 own or apply for ownership of a device or attachment of any 10 kind designed, used, or intended for use in silencing the 11 report of any firearm. These devices shall be owned and 12 maintained by lawfully recognized units of government whose 13 duties include the investigation of criminal acts.

14 (g-8) Subsections 24-1(a) (4) and 24-1(a) (10) and Section 15 24-1.6 do not apply to, or affect, any currently-employed or 16 gualified-retired county correctional officer or probation 17 officer, employed or retired from, a county of 3,000,000 or 18 more inhabitants who meets the qualifications and conditions 19 prescribed in Section 17.1 of the Probation and Probation 20 Officers Act or Section 26.1 of the County Jail Act.

21 (q-10) Subsections 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(8), and 22 24-1(a)(10), and Sections 24-1.6 and 24-3.1 do not apply to an 23 athlete's possession, transport on official Olympic and Paralympic transit systems established for athletes, or use of 24 25 competition firearms sanctioned by the International Olympic 26 Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, the

International Shooting Sport Federation, or USA Shooting in
 connection with such athlete's training for and participation
 in shooting competitions at the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic
 Games and sanctioned test events leading up to the 2016 Olympic
 and Paralympic Games.

6 (h) An information or indictment based upon a violation of 7 any subsection of this Article need not negative any exemptions 8 contained in this Article. The defendant shall have the burden 9 of proving such an exemption.

10 (i) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or 11 affect the transportation, carrying, or possession, of any 12 pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm consigned 13 to a common carrier operating under license of the State of 14 Illinois or the federal government, where such transportation, 15 carrying, or possession is incident to the lawful 16 transportation in which such common carrier is engaged; and 17 nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol, 18 19 revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm, not the subject of 20 and regulated by subsection 24-1(a)(7) or subsection 24-2(c) of this Article, which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm 21 22 carrying box, shipping box, or other container, by the 23 possessor of a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card. (Source: P.A. 99-174, eff. 7-29-15; 100-201, eff. 8-18-17.) 24

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Section 10. The Probation and Probation Officers Act is

1 amended by changing Section 17 and by adding Section 17.1 as 2 follows:

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(730 ILCS 110/17)

4 Sec. 17. Authorization to carry weapons. Except as 5 otherwise provided in Section 17.1, probation Probation 6 officers may only carry weapons while in the performance of 7 their official duties, or while commuting between their homes, 8 places of employment, or specific locations that are part of 9 their assigned duties, provided they have received the prior 10 consent of the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court for which they 11 are employed, and they have received weapons training according 12 to requirements of the Peace Officer and Probation Officer 13 Firearm Training Act.

14 (Source: P.A. 98-725, eff. 1-1-15.)

15 (730 ILCS 110/17.1 new)

Sec. 17.1. Probation officers in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants; off-duty firearms.

18 (a) In this Section:

19"Adult probationer" means a person who committed an20offense on or after his or her 18th birthday and who has21been placed on probation for that offense.

22 <u>"County probation officer" means an employee of a</u>
23 <u>county probation department in a county of 3,000,000 or</u>
24 <u>more inhabitant within this State who has charge over adult</u>

1	probationers.
2	"Qualified-retired county probation officer" means a
3	former county probation officer who:
4	(1) was separated from service with the county
5	probation department in good standing;
6	(2) before the separation, was appointed as a
7	probation officer under the Probation and Probation
8	Officers Act;
9	(3) before the separation, served as a county
10	probation officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more;
11	(4) has not either:
12	(A) been officially found, as the chief county
13	probation officer shall by rule provide, by a
14	qualified medical professional employed by the
15	chief county probation officer to be unqualified
16	for reasons relating to mental health and as a
17	result of this finding will not be issued the
18	photographic identification as described in
19	paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Section; or
20	(B) entered into an agreement with the county
21	probation department from which the individual is
22	separated from service in which that individual
23	acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this
24	Section for reasons relating to mental health and
25	for those reasons will not receive or accept the
26	photographic identification as described in

1	paragraph (5) of subsection (b) of this Section;
2	(5) is not under the influence of alcohol or any
3	other intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance;
4	and
5	(6) is not prohibited by State or federal law from
6	receiving a firearm.
7	(b) Paragraphs (4) and (10) of subsection (a) of Section
8	24-1 and Section 24-1.6 of the Criminal Code of 2012 do not
9	apply to currently-employed or qualified-retired county
10	probation officers who meet the following conditions:
11	(1) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
12	probation officer must receive training in the use of
13	firearms while off-duty conducted by the Illinois Law
14	Enforcement Training Standards Board and be certified as
15	having successfully completed the training by the Board.
16	The Board shall determine the amount of the training and
17	the course content for the training. The
18	currently-employed or qualified-retired county probation
19	officer shall requalify for the firearms training annually
20	at a State range certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement
21	Training Standards Board. The expenses of the retraining
22	shall be paid by the currently-employed or
23	qualified-retired county probation officer and moneys for
24	the costs of the requalification shall be expended at the
25	request of the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards
26	Board.

1	(2) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
2	probation officer shall purchase the firearm at his or her
3	own expense and shall register the firearm with the
4	Department of State Police and with any other local law
5	enforcement agencies that require the registration.
6	(3) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
7	probation officer may not carry any county probation
8	department-issued firearm while off-duty. A person who
9	violates this paragraph (3) is subject to disciplinary
10	action by the chief county probation officer.
11	(4) County probation officers who are or were
12	discharged from employment by the chief county probation
13	officer shall no longer be considered probation officers
14	and all their rights as probation officers shall be revoked
15	permanently.
16	(5) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
17	probation officer shall carry a photographic
18	identification issued by his or her agency identifying him
19	or her as a currently-employed or qualified-retired county
20	probation officer while carrying a firearm off-duty, along
21	with a valid annual firearm certificate issued by the
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22 <u>Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board stating</u>

23 that he or she is qualified to carry a concealed weapon.

24 Section 15. The County Jail Act is amended by adding 25 Section 26.1 as follows:

1	(730 ILCS 125/26.1 new)
2	Sec. 26.1. County correctional officers in a county of
3	3,000,000 or more inhabitants; off-duty firearms.
4	(a) In this Section:
5	"County correctional officer" means an employee of a county
6	sheriff's office in a county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants
7	within this State or a county department of corrections in a
8	county of 3,000,000 or more inhabitants within this State who
9	has custody and control over adult inmates in a county jail.
10	"Qualified-retired county correctional officer" means a
11	former county correctional officer who:
12	(1) was separated from service with the county
13	sheriff's office in good standing;
14	(2) before the separation, was authorized by law to
15	engage in or supervise the activities of prevention,
16	detection, investigation, prosecution, or incarceration of
17	any person for any violation of law;
18	(3) before the separation, served as a county
19	correctional officer for an aggregate of 10 years or more;
20	(4) has not either:
21	(A) been officially found, as the county sheriff
22	shall by rule provide, by a qualified medical
23	professional employed by the county sheriff to be
24	unqualified for reasons relating to mental health and
25	as a result of this finding will not be issued the

1	photographic identification as described in paragraph
2	(5) of subsection (b) of this Section; or
3	(B) entered into an agreement with the county
4	sheriff's office from which the individual is
5	separated form service in which that individual
6	acknowledges he or she is not qualified under this
7	Section for reasons relating to mental health and for
8	those reasons will not receive or accept the
9	photographic identification as described in paragraph
10	(5) of subsection (b) of this Section;
11	(5) is not under the influence of alcohol or any other
12	intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and
13	(6) is not prohibited by State or federal law from
14	receiving a firearm.
15	(b) Paragraphs (4) and (10) of subsection (a) of Section
16	24-1 and Section 24-1.6 of the Criminal Code of 2012 do not
17	apply to currently-employed or qualified-retired county
18	correctional officers who meet the following conditions:
19	(1) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
20	correctional officer must receive training in the use of
21	firearms while off-duty conducted by the Illinois Law
22	Enforcement Training Standards Board and be certified as
23	having successfully completed the training by the Board.
24	The Board shall determine the amount of the training and
25	the course content for the training. The
26	currently-employed or qualified-retired county

1 correctional officer shall requalify for the firearms training annually at a State range certified by the 2 3 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board. The expenses of the retraining shall be paid by the 4 5 currently-employed or qualified-retired county 6 correctional officer and moneys for the costs of the requalification shall be expended at the request of the 7 8 Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board.

9 <u>(2) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county</u> 10 <u>correctional officer shall purchase the firearm at his or</u> 11 <u>her own expense and shall register the firearm with the</u> 12 <u>Department of State Police and with any other local law</u> 13 <u>enforcement agencies that require the registration.</u>

14 <u>(3) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county</u> 15 <u>correctional officer may not carry any county</u> 16 <u>sheriff-issued firearm while off-duty. A person who</u> 17 <u>violates this paragraph (3) is subject to disciplinary</u> 18 <u>action by the county sheriff.</u>

19(4) County correctional officers who are or were20discharged from employment by the county sheriff shall no21longer be considered law enforcement officials and all22their rights as law enforcement officials shall be revoked23permanently.

24 (5) The currently-employed or qualified-retired county
 25 correctional officer shall carry a photographic
 26 identification issued by his or her agency identifying him

1	or her as a currently-employed or qualified-retired county
2	correctional officer while carrying a firearm off-duty,
3	along with a valid annual firearm certificate issued by the
4	Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards Board stating
5	that he or she is qualified to carry a concealed weapon.