2021 SENATE BILL 516

August 19, 2021 - Introduced by Senators STROEBEL, FELZKOWSKI, BALLWEG, BRADLEY, NASS and ROTH, cosponsored by Representatives GUNDRUM, TITTL, ALLEN, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, CABRAL-GUEVARA, CALLAHAN, DITTRICH, EDMING, HORLACHER, KNODL, MACCO, MAGNAFICI, MOSES, MURSAU, NEYLON, PENTERMAN, ROZAR, SORTWELL, STEFFEN, TAUCHEN, TUSLER, VANDERMEER, WICHGERS, SKOWRONSKI and SCHRAA. Referred to Committee on Insurance, Licensing and Forestry.

AN ACT to repeal 165.25 (16) and 175.60 (1) (f) 2.; to consolidate, renumber and amend 175.60 (1) (f) (intro.) and 1.; and to amend 175.60 (18) of the statutes; relating to: reciprocity for out-of-state licenses to carry a concealed weapon.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Justice issues licenses to go armed with a concealed weapon. DOJ may issue a license only to a Wisconsin resident or an active military member stationed in Wisconsin and must conduct a background check on the applicant to ensure the applicant is not prohibited from possessing a firearm. Under current law, an out-of-state resident may go armed with a concealed weapon in the same manner as a Wisconsin licensee if the out-of-state resident has a valid license issued by another state and the issuing state is on a list that DOJ maintains of the states that perform background checks on applicants before issuing a license. This bill removes the requirement that the issuing state be on a list maintained by DOJ. Under this bill, an out-of-state resident may go armed with a concealed weapon in the same manner as a Wisconsin licensee if the out-of-state resident has a valid license issued by another state.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 165.25 (16) of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 2. 175.60 (1) (f) (intro.) and 1. of the statutes are consolidated, renumbered 175.60 (1) (f) and amended to read:

175.60 (1) (f) “Out-of-state license” means a valid permit, license, approval, or other authorization issued by another state if all of the following apply: 1. The permit, license, approval, or other authorization is for the carrying of a concealed weapon.

SECTION 3. 175.60 (1) (f) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 175.60 (18) of the statutes is amended to read:

175.60 (18) RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS. The department may enter into reciprocity agreements with other states as to matters relating to their recognition of licenses issued under this section or of other authorization by this state to carry concealed weapons.

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