

NATIONAL ARMORED CAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

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State of Kansas

VIA Electronic Mail

RE: HB 2700 Kansas Armored Car Services Licensing Act

Dear Chairman Hayzlett:

The National Armored Car Association has just learned of the introduction of HB 2700, the Kansas Armored Car Licensing Act, introduced on February 9, 2012. We support the effort to enact a licensing and training regimen that is specific to our industry. We are taking this opportunity to address some issues in the legislation and look forward to working with the Committee on Transportation throughout the legislative process.

The National Armored Car Association represents the nation's major armored car carriers comprising more than 80 percent of the industry. Our association supports the enactment of state regulations requiring registration and weapons training.

Our initial review of HR 2700 is favorable. We do, however, urge the Committee to require weapons permits to be renewed every two, rather than five years. We recommend this amendment in order for Kansas to meet the requirements of the federal Armored Car Reciprocity Act.

The Armored Car Reciprocity Act (attached) permits armored car crewmembers with weapons permits issued in one state to operate as armored car crewmembers in another state so long as they meet certain requirements of the Act. Congress enacted the legislation because of the burden on interstate commerce that existed when armored car crews had to obtain weapons licenses in multiple states. It was a particular burden for crews traveling through several states.

HB 2700 meets the requirement of the federal statute for a criminal background check. But the five year renewal would disqualify armored car crews employed in Kansas from using the provisions of the Act to carry weapons while on duty into other states without obtaining weapons permits in each state. It is a disincentive to locate armored car facilities in Kansas. Adoption of an amendment requiring a two year renewal would meet the provisions of the federal legislation.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact us with any questions you may have. We stand ready to assist the committee throughout the legislative process.

Sincerely,

(s) Lawrence Sabbath **Executive Director**

Cc: Honorable Vince Wetta Enclosure: Armored Car Reciprocity Act

One Hundred Fifth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight

An Act

To amend the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 to clarify certain requirements and to improve the flow of interstate commerce.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Armored Car Reciprocity Amendments of 1998".

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF STATE RECIPROCITY OF WEAPONS LICENSES ISSUED TO ARMORED CAR COMPANY CREW MEMBERS.

(a) In General.—Section 3(a) of the Armored Car Industry Reciprocity Act of 1993 (15 U.S.C. 5902(a)) is amended to read as follows:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—If an armored car crew member employed

by an armored car company-

- "(1) has in effect a license issued by the appropriate State agency (in the State in which such member is primarily employed by such company) to carry a weapon while acting in the services of such company in that State, and such State agency meets the minimum requirements under subsection (b); and
- "(2) has met all other applicable requirements to act as an armored car crew member in the State in which such member is primarily employed by such company,

then such crew member shall be entitled to lawfully carry any weapon to which such license relates and function as an armored car crew member in any State while such member is acting in the service of such company.".

(b) MINIMUM STATE REQUIREMENTS.—Section 3(b) of such Act

(15 U.S.C. 5902(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(b) MINIMUM STATE REQUIREMENTS.—A State agency meets the minimum State requirements of this subsection if—

"(1) in issuing an initial weapons license to an armored car crew member described in subsection (a), the agency deter-

mines to its satisfaction that—

"(A) the crew member has received classroom and range training in weapons safety and marksmanship during the current year from a qualified instructor for each weapon that the crew member will be licensed to carry; and

"(B) the receipt or possession of a weapon by the crew member would not violate Federal law, determined on the

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basis of a criminal record background check conducted

during the current year;
"(2) in issuing a renewal of a weapons license to an armored car crew member described in subsection (a), the agency determines to its satisfaction that-

"(A) the crew member has received continuing training in weapons safety and marksmanship from a qualified instructor for each weapon that the crew member is licensed to carry; and

"(B) the receipt or possession of a weapon by the crew member would not violate Federal law, as determined by

the agency; and

"(3) in issuing a weapons license under paragraph (1) or paragraph (2), as the case may be—
"(A) the agency issues such license for a period not

to exceed 2 years; or

"(B) the agency issues such license for a period not to exceed 5 years in the case of a State that enacted a State law before October 1, 1996, that provides for the issuance of an initial weapons license or a renewal of a weapons license, as the case may be, for a period not to exceed 5 years.".

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The amendments made by section 2 shall take effect 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.