

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Melvin Neufeld at 1:30 p.m. on February 17, 2009, in Room 143-N of the Capitol.

All members were present.

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Julian Efird, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Dennis Hodgins, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Nikki Feuerborn, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Representative Melanie Meier, Military  
Larry Noell, Concealed Carry Instructor  
Jordan Austin, National Rifle Association  
Charles Sexson, Attorney General's Office

Others attending:

See attached list.

**Hearing on HB 2308 - Personal and family protection act, military**

Revisor Mike Heim explained that under current law, concealed carry licensees can either request a separate concealed carry license card or have the license noted on their driver's license or identification card. This bill would require that when the licensee is a military member and requests a separate concealed carry license card, the Attorney General must assign a unique license number. Current law also requires applicants to provide either the number of their driver's license or identification card on the concealed carry application.

Representative Melanie Meier explained that all the bill does is require the Attorney General's office to assign a unique number to active duty military applicants who do not have a Kansas driver's license or Kansas identification card for use on their concealed carry license card. (Attachment 1). In 2007 the State would no longer issue a Kansas identification card to an active duty military person unless they surrendered their driver's license from their military Home of Record. This bill would address that inconvenience.

Mr. Larry Noell, President of the Leavenworth Gun and Rod Club and a certified concealed carry instructor, explained that the KS CCH is not a form of identification for federal purposes as defined in the REAL-ID Act (Attachment 2). It is a proof of a permit or license. Some state with concealed carry laws have reciprocal agreements with other such states.

Mr. Jordan Austin, representative of the National Rifle Association, spoke in support of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Charles Sexson, Director of the Concealed Carry Program in the Attorney General's Office, spoke in favor of the legislation and stated there would be no problems in implementing the numbering system.

The Committee was assured by the conferees that there would be no problem for law enforcement officers attempting to access the concealed carry numbers for active military personnel.

Representative Peterson moved to report the bill favorably for passage. Motion was seconded by Representative Carlson. Motion carried. Representative Meier was requested to carry the bill.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.