

**75-7c17. Legislative findings regarding uniform standards for licensing and regulation; certain local ordinances and resolutions inapplicable to licensees; limitations on authority of attorney general; liberal construction of act.**

(a) The legislature finds as a matter of public policy and fact that it is necessary to provide statewide uniform standards for issuing licenses to carry concealed handguns for self-defense and finds it necessary to occupy the field of regulation of the bearing of concealed handguns for self-defense to ensure that no honest, law-abiding person who qualifies under the provisions of this act is subjectively or arbitrarily denied the person's rights. No city, county or other political subdivision of this state shall regulate, restrict or prohibit the carrying of concealed handguns by persons licensed under this act except as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, and in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto, and subsection (f) of K.S.A. 21-4218, prior to its repeal, or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6309, and amendments thereto. Any existing or future law, ordinance, rule, regulation or resolution enacted by any city, county or other political subdivision of this state that regulates, restricts or prohibits the carrying of concealed handguns by persons licensed under this act except as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c20, and amendments thereto, and in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-7c10, and amendments thereto, and subsection (f) of K.S.A. 21-4218, prior to its repeal, or subsection (e) of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-6309, and amendments thereto, shall be null and void.

(b) Prosecution of any person licensed under the personal and family protection act, and amendments thereto, for violating any restrictions on licensees will be done through the district court.

(c) The legislature does not delegate to the attorney general the authority to regulate or restrict the issuing of licenses provided for in this act, beyond those provisions of this act pertaining to licensing and training. Subjective or arbitrary actions or rules and regulations which encumber the issuing process by placing burdens on the applicant beyond those sworn statements and specified documents detailed in this act or which create restrictions beyond those specified in this act are in conflict with the intent of this act and are prohibited.

(d) This act shall be liberally construed. This act is supplemental and additional to existing constitutional rights to bear arms and nothing in this act shall impair or diminish such rights.

**History:** L. 2006, ch. 32, § 17; L. 2007, ch. 166, § 7; L. 2010, ch. 140, § 13; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 270; L. 2013, ch. 105, § 10; July 1.