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Chairman Kessler, Vice-Chair Schmoie, and Members of the House Federal and State Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today regarding three proposed changes to Kansas Concealed Carry Law.

Key Areas of Improvement

1. Streamlining Provisional License Transitions

Allowing individuals with provisional concealed carry licenses to transition seamlessly to a standard license upon reaching the age of 21, for the remainder of the unexpired term, is a simple yet significant improvement. This adjustment aligns with the original intent of the law while also providing efficient and effective service to our constituents. It reduces unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles and ensures continuity for law-abiding license holders.

2. Accountability for Suspended or Revoked Licenses

Under the proposed changes, individuals whose concealed carry licenses are suspended or revoked will be required to surrender their physical licenses or authorization documents to the Attorney General's office. Upon the conclusion of a suspension, the license will be returned. If a licensee fails to surrender the license within 30 days of receiving written notification, the Attorney General's office may impose a fine of up to \$250. This accountability measure is a reasonable and enforceable way to ensure compliance, with all collected fines directed to the State Treasurer and credited to the Concealed Handgun Licensure Fund.

3. Protecting Law Enforcement

The proposed changes would prohibit building authorities from requesting personal information, such as addresses or contact details, or requiring them to wear identifying labels that indicate they are armed or serving as officers. These practices present clear security risks, particularly for law enforcement officers. For years, law enforcement professionals have called for this adjustment, and it is time we address this concern to enhance their safety and security.

These proposed changes offer a thoughtful and necessary evolution of the Personal and Family Protection Act. They improve service to Kansans, ensure accountability, and enhance safety for law enforcement and the public alike. I urge you to adopt these changes and strengthen this important legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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