

HB 2052 Testimony
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Dear Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2052 on behalf of the Kansas State Rifle Association (KSRA). The KSRA strongly supports this legislation, which corrects a problematic error within Kansas's concealed carry statutes, ensuring fairness and practicality for concealed carry license holders.

Currently, Kansas law allows individuals aged 18–20 to obtain a provisional concealed carry license. However, due to a statutory oversight, these individuals are ineligible to transition to a standard concealed carry license upon turning 21 until their four-year provisional license expires. This delay unnecessarily restricts their ability to enjoy the full rights and privileges that a standard license affords, particularly the ability to carry in states with reciprocity agreements with Kansas.

HB 2052 provides a common-sense fix, allowing individuals to update their provisional license to a standard license upon reaching the age of 21. This change removes an arbitrary barrier, supports the rights of responsible concealed carry license holders, and brings Kansas in line with best practices nationwide. It also ensures that young Kansans who have demonstrated responsibility with a provisional license can seamlessly transition to a standard license without undue restrictions.

Additionally, we do not oppose the new language in HB 2052 regarding the revocation and suspension of concealed carry licenses for individuals who break the law and thereby forfeit their right to carry. Maintaining the integrity of the concealed carry system is critical to public safety and the responsible exercise of Second Amendment rights. Ensuring that those who violate the law are held accountable strengthens public confidence in the concealed carry program and aligns with KSRA's commitment to upholding responsible gun ownership.

HB 2052 is a well-reasoned and necessary improvement to Kansas's concealed carry statutes. It protects the rights of responsible license holders while maintaining accountability for those who fail to follow the law. We urge the Committee to act swiftly to approve this bill and send it to the full legislature for consideration.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Megan Hilbish