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BILL ANALYSIS

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House Bill 4977 (Substitute S-3 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Dave Hildenbrand
House Committee: Conservation, Forestry, and Outdoor Recreation
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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RATIONALE

Under the handgun licensure Act, a license to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) expires five years after the date it was issued, if it was issued after July 1, 2003, or three years after it was issued, if it was issued before July 1, 2003. These expiration dates apparently can be confusing for CCW license holders. In addition, a large number of individuals applied for a CCW license shortly after Public Act 381 of 2000 amended the law to require that a license be issued if criteria are met. This means that the expiration and renewal dates for all of those licensees will occur at about the same time of year. Some people believe that the expiration date for a CCW license should be the same as the licensee's birth date, as is currently the case for a driver license.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the handgun licensure Act to provide that a license to carry a concealed pistol issued on or after July 1, 2006, would be valid until the applicant's date of birth falling not less than four years or more than five years after the license was issued. A license issued on or after July 1, 2003, but before July 1, 2006, would be valid for five years.

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ARGUMENTS

(Please note: The arguments contained in this analysis originate from sources outside the Senate Fiscal Agency. The Senate Fiscal Agency neither supports nor opposes legislation.)

Supporting Argument

By providing for a CCW license to expire on the licensee's birth date, the bill would make it easier for licensees to keep track of their expiration date, and thereby be responsible firearm owners. The bill also would spread license renewal dates more evenly over the course of the calendar year, so county clerks and law enforcement officials would not have to deal with an inordinate number of license renewals at one particular time of year.

Response: The bill also should require a reminder to be mailed shortly before a CCW license expires, as is currently done for the expiration and renewal of a driver license and motor vehicle registration.

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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