

## Ohio Veterans eligible for no cost CCW license

COLUMBUS—State Senator Lou Terhar (R-Green Township) this week announced that his legislation to provide financial relief to active duty military and veterans who apply for a concealed handgun license is now officially in effect in Ohio.

Beginning today, Senate Bill 81 waives the typically required \$67 license fee that is otherwise necessary to obtain a concealed handgun license for applicants who **honorably served** in the United States military.

“Our military family is arguably the most responsible and best trained group of gun owners in the country,” said Terhar. “I think today we can all feel a little safer knowing that there is one less barrier for military members to acquire the license needed to protect themselves, their families and our communities.”

The following forms are required in order to be eligible:

- **A DD-214 Form 4, or equivalent, stating that you were honorably discharged, or your active duty military ID card**
- **The Sheriff's application form**
- **Your Ohio Driver's License or Government ID**
- **Two passport-style photos if applying for the first time**

Additionally, it is required that you contact your local Sheriff's office or one from an adjoining county to make an appointment prior to arriving. The bill allows anyone who holds a concealed handgun license to renew their license at any time before the expiration date.

The measure also makes changes so that an applicant who has been honorably discharged or retired is not required to take additional training if they can provide a firearms competency certification from their time in service.

The total amount for fees that can be waived will be capped at \$1.5 million dollars each calendar year. Waivers will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

**For further information please call Wayne County Sheriff's Office 330-287-5750**