SB 45 – PERMITLESS CARRY FAQ SHEET

Q1. Does this mean I get a refund on my existing concealed carry permit?

ANSWER: No

Q2. Do I still have to take a training class to carry concealed without a permit?

ANSWER: No

Q3. Will I need a concealed carry permit to carry in other states such as those Kansas has reciprocity with?

ANSWER: Yes

Q4. What other states have Constitutional Carry?

ANSWER: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Vermont, and Wyoming. But check the law of that state as you may need to be a resident of that state to carry concealed without a permit.

Q5. What are the odds this bill will pass and be signed into law?

ANSWER: We don't have a crystal ball but it looks extremely promising based on the number of sponsors in the Senate and the enthusiasm from those in the House. Pro-Second Amendment legislators hold a majority in both chambers of the Kansas Legislature.

Q6. When will the vote be?

ANSWER: Once a bill is introduced there are committee hearings and the committee must recommend it be heard by the full chamber it was introduced in. Then that full chamber votes. Upon passage by that first chamber (in this case the Senate) it moves to the other chamber (the House in this case) and then again there is a committee hearing and a full chamber vote. This process takes several weeks. We'll be keeping you up to date every step of the way.

Here is a link to the process a bill goes through to become law. http://www.kslegislature.org/li/m/pdf/how_bill_law.pdf

Q7. How does this affect carrying concealed in a school zone?

ANSWER: The provision in federal law that allows concealed carry in school zones is based upon having a concealed carry permit from their state of residence and that state having no prohibition on licensee's carrying. The KS Attorney General ruled on this issue regarding Open Carry, which requires no license, and advised that you cannot Open Carry a loaded firearm in a school zone. The same will apply to Constitutional (Permitless) Carry. In Federal law, Title 18 USC Section 922(q) is the code that contains

the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1995, which prohibits the possession of a firearm in a "school zone". A school zone is defined as the grounds of a public, parochial or private elementary or secondary school and encompasses 1,000 feet of the grounds surrounding the school. The ban on firearm possession does not apply to private property that may be within that 1,000 feet but not part of the school property. You must have a concealed carry permit in order to have or carry a loaded gun in a school zone in Kansas.

Q8. Is this the first attempt to pass Constitutional Carry in Kansas?

ANSWER: Yes

Q9. Do I need to qualify on the range or take any tests to carry concealed without a permit?

ANSWER: No

Q10. Do I need to pass a background check to carry concealed without a permit?

ANSWER: No. However, you must be able to legally possess a firearm.

Q11. Will non-residents of Kansas be able to carry concealed without a permit?

ANSWER: Yes

Q12. Will I still be able to obtain a Kansas Concealed Carry Permit?

ANSWER: Yes. All current law and procedures for obtaining a Kansas Concealed Carry Permit will still exist. Many may wish to obtain that permit in order to be able to carry concealed in other states and in order to make gun purchases in Kansas.

Q13. Will I be able to carry concealed without a permit in all the same places that I am able to carry concealed with a concealed carry permit?

ANSWER: Yes. The rules are the same.

Q14. How old do I have to be to carry concealed without a concealed carry permit?

ANSWER: You must be 21 years of age or older to carry concealed in Kansas with or without a concealed carry permit.

Q15. Will this be a new law?

ANSWER: No. This will be an amendment to the existing law which is known as the Personal and Family Protection Act (PFPA).

The bill may be read at this link:

http://www.kslegislature.org/li/b2015 16/measures/documents/sb45 00 0000.pdf