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INSTITUTE for LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Alabama SB 304

SB 304 seeks to solve a disparity in concealed weapon license (CWL) fees between counties. SB 304 will accomplish this fix by allowing law-abiding individuals to apply for a permit in any county in the state.

Contrary to some claims, SB 304 is **NOT** the initial step in a scheme to eliminate the sheriffs' involvement in the CWL process. It was drafted and introduced in acknowledgement of one simple truth: citizens of Alabama should not be held to disparate standards in exchange for the ability to lawfully exercise the same fundamental right.

A CWL issued in Jefferson County (\$7.50 a year) confers the exact same right across the state as a CWL issued in Baldwin County (\$25.00 a year). Yet, over a 5-year period those rights cost approximately \$85.00 more in Baldwin County. The permittee receives no additional benefit for this more expensive permit. As a result, the counties that charge excessive fees are simply generating revenue from a small group of law-abiding residents. The NRA believes that CWL fees should **ONLY** reflect the actual cost of fulfilling all statutorily mandated responsibilities associated with the permitting process; any financial obligation in excess is a revenue generating tax. Your fundamental right to self-defense should not be held hostage in exchange for excessive taxes.

This legislation would not change existing background check requirements. Upon issuance of the CWL, the sheriff of the county in which the permit is issued would be required to notify the sheriff of the permittee's county of residence that a permit has been issued. Both the Sheriff of the issuing county, and the Sheriff of the county of residence would subsequently have authority to revoke the permit for any valid reason.

2016 CWL Fees by County

Autauga County	\$20.00/yr
Baldwin County	\$25.00/yr
Barbour County	\$20.00/yr
Bibb County	\$20.00/yr
Blount County	\$20.00/yr
Bullock County	\$20.00/yr
Butler County	\$20.00/yr
Calhoun County	\$20.00/yr
Chambers County	\$20.00/yr
Cherokee County	\$20.00/yr
Chilton County	\$25.25/yr
Choctaw County	\$20.00/yr
Clarke County	\$20.00/yr
Clay County	\$20.00/yr
Cleburne County	\$10.00/yr
Coffee County	\$20.00/yr
Colbert County	\$15.00/yr
Conecuh County	\$20.00/yr
Coosa County	\$25.00/yr
Covington County	\$20.00/yr
Crenshaw County	\$20.00/yr
Cullman County	\$15.00/yr
Dale County	\$20.00/yr

Dallas County	\$20.00/yr
DeKalb County	\$25.00/yr
Elmore County	\$20.00/yr
Escambia County	\$20.00/yr
Etowah County	\$20.00/yr
Fayette County	\$20.00/yr
Franklin County	\$12.50/yr
Geneva County	\$20.00/yr
Greene County	\$20.00/yr
Hale County	\$20.00/yr
Henry County	\$20.00/yr
Houston County	\$20.00/yr
Jackson County	\$20.00/yr
Jefferson County	\$ 7.50/yr
Lamar County	\$20.00/yr
Lauderdale County	\$10.00/yr
Lawrence County	\$20.00/yr
Lee County	\$20.00/yr
Limestone County	\$15.00/yr
Lowndes County	\$25.00/yr
Macon County	\$25.00/yr
Madison County	\$10.00/yr
Marengo County	\$20.00/yr

Marion County	\$15.00/yr
Marshall County	\$10.00/yr
Mobile County	\$20.00/yr
Monroe County	\$10.00/yr
Montgomery County	\$20.00/yr
Morgan County	\$20.00/yr
Perry County	\$20.00/yr
Pickens County	\$20.00/yr
Pike County	\$20.00/yr
Randolph County	\$20.00/yr
Russell County	\$20.00/yr
Shelby County	\$20.00/yr
St. Clair County	\$15.00/yr
Sumter County	\$15.00/yr
Talladega County	\$20.00/yr
Tallapoosa County	\$15.00/yr
Tuscaloosa County	\$20.00/yr
Walker County	\$15.00/yr
Washington County	\$20.00/yr
Wilcox County	\$20.00/yr
Winston County	\$15.00/yr