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requirements for the handgun training and safety courses and their instruction. Of the application requirements set forth in LB 265, the committee amendment clarifies that an applicant for a permit shall not have been found within the last five years to be mentally ill or a dangerous person. In addition, the committee amendment provides that a concealed handgun permit is valid for only five years. The committee amendment changes the application fee from \$60 to \$100. A renewal provision is included. A permit may be renewed for a period of five years, subject to continuing compliance with the requirements of the act. The renewal fee for a concealed handgun permit is \$50, and a renewal application may be completed up to four months prior to the expiration of the permit. One-half of the fee collected pursuant to the act shall be remitted to the county where the application is made, and one-half shall be credited to the General Fund, after the requisite amount for the national criminal history record information check is first credited to the Nebraska State Patrol. The committee clarifies that no sheriff who issues a permit under the act is civilly liable for injuries suffered relating to the issuance or revocation of a permit. Instead of a special designation on the permit holder's motor vehicle operator's license, the committee amendment requires a separate permit that must be carried any time the permit holder carries the concealed handgun. Persons in violation of this provision would be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor for the first offense, and a Class I misdemeanor for the second and subsequent offenses. Whenever a permit holder carrying a concealed handgun is contacted by a police officer or emergency services personnel, the peace officer or emergency services personnel shall be immediately informed that the permit holder is carrying a concealed handgun. The peace officer or emergency services personnel may secure the handgun. The offense of not allowing the handgun to be secured in each such situation is classified as a Class I misdemeanor. The amendment further specifies that a permit holder may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Nebraska except a concealed handgun may not be carried in the following, greatly expanded, list of exceptional places: a law enforcement station or office; a place of incarceration; a building containing a courtroom; a polling place; a place where a government meeting is held; a financial institution; a professional or collegiate athletic event; any