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Senate Bill 971 (as introduced 3-3-98)  
Sponsor: Senator Joanne G. Emmons  
Committee: Hunting, Fishing and Forestry

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the handgun licensure Act to require that an application for the restoration of rights to carry a concealed weapon or an initial application for a concealed weapon license, and the data of a concealed weapons licensing board that would relate to the status of that application, would have to be made available to the public in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Under the handgun licensure Act, the concealed weapons licensing board must restore the rights of a person to possess, use, transport, sell, purchase, carry, ship, receive, or distribute a firearm if it determines that the applicant properly submitted an application; five years have expired after the applicant paid all fines, served all terms of imprisonment, and completed all conditions of probation or parole; and the applicant's record and reputation are such that he or she is unlikely to act in a manner dangerous to the safety of others.

Further, an initial applicant for a concealed weapon license must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, and a State resident for at least six months; must have a good reason to fear injury to his or her person or property, or have "other proper reasons"; and must be "a suitable person to be licensed". In addition, an applicant must not have been convicted of or confined for a felony within the previous eight years, or have a pending felony charge; must not have been adjudged insane or legally incapacitated, or be under an order of involuntary commitment; and must not be the subject of an order entered into the Law Enforcement Information Network under various sections of law.

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Legislative Analyst: N. Nagata

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

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

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