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**H. B. 2149**

(By Delegates Folk, J. Nelson, McGeehan, Frich, Faircloth, Hamilton, A. Evans  
Gearheart, Householder, Shott and Butler)

[Introduced January 20, 2015; referred to the  
Committee on the Judiciary.]

A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section,  
designated §61-7-4a, relating to dangerous weapons; license to carry a concealed weapon;  
and providing an exemption of license information from disclosure under the West Virginia  
Freedom of Information Act.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended by adding thereto a new  
section, designated §61-7-4a, to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 7. DANGEROUS WEAPONS.**

**§61-7-4a. Public disclosure of license information; exceptions.**

(a) All records pertaining to the issuance, renewal, expiration, suspension or revocation of  
a license to carry a concealed weapon, including names and addresses of applicants, licensees and  
past licensees; all records obtained pursuant to any investigation into the application for a license by  
any sheriff or agent or employee thereof; and all records pertaining to a criminal or mental health  
history check conducted on any applicant, licensee or past licensee, are exempt from disclosure under

1 the Freedom of Information Act, article one, chapter twenty-nine-b of this code.

2 (b) Information or other records otherwise exempted may be released to a law-enforcement  
3 agency to assist in a criminal investigation or prosecution or to determine the validity of or eligibility  
4 for a license. The name of an applicant, licensee or past licensee may be released as contained in  
5 investigative or arrest reports of a law-enforcement agency that are subject to release as public  
6 records.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to exempt records of concealed weapon license applications and issuance from disclosure under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

§61-7-4a is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.