

Legislative Audit Commission

Resolution No. 155

Presented by Senator Rose

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of State Police (Department) is charged with the responsibility for administering the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act (430 ILCS 65/) and the Firearm Concealed Carry Act (430 ILCS 66/); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing a system of identifying persons who are not qualified to acquire or possess firearms, firearm ammunition, stun guns, and tasers; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Firearm Concealed Carry Act is to allow individuals to carry a loaded or unloaded concealed firearm, fully concealed or partially concealed, on or about his or her person; and

WHEREAS, each applicant for a Firearm Owner's Identification Card or Firearm Concealed Carry License must complete an application and submit evidence that he or she meets specified criteria and is not prohibited by certain conditions from having a firearm; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State Police must approve or deny all Firearm Owner's Identification Card applications within 30 days after the date they are received; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State Police must approve or deny all Firearm Owner's Identification Card renewal applications within 60 business days after the date they are received; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State Police must approve or deny all Firearm Concealed Carry Act applications within 90 days (with fingerprints submitted) or 120 days (without fingerprints submitted) after the date they are received; and

WHEREAS, the Department has the authority, under certain circumstances, to revoke a Firearm Owner's Identification Card or a Firearm Concealed Carry License previously issued; and

WHEREAS, a person who receives a revocation notice must within 48 hours surrender his or her Firearms Owner's Identification Card and/or Firearm Concealed Carry License to the local law enforcement agency where the person resides and the local law enforcement agency must then transmit the card and/or license to the Department of State Police; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION, that the Auditor General is directed to conduct a management audit of the Illinois Department of State Police's administration of the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act and the Firearm Concealed Carry Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the audit include, but need not be limited to, the following determinations for calendar years 2018 and 2019:

- 1) What steps the Department takes to determine whether an applicant is eligible or ineligible to receive a Firearm Owner's Identification Card and a Firearm Concealed Carry License;
- 2) The total number of Firearm Owner's Identification Card or Concealed Carry License applicants during the past two calendar years, the number of those applicants approved, and the number who were denied, and the reasons for denials;
- 3) Whether the Department is approving or denying all new Firearm Owner's Identification Card applications within 30 days after the date they are received;
- 4) Whether the Department is approving or denying all Firearm Owner's Identification Card renewal applications within 60 days after the date they are received;
- 5) Whether the Department is approving or denying all new Concealed Carry applications within timeframes required by the Firearm Concealed Carry Act;
- 6) The total number of Firearm Owner's Identification Cards and Firearm Concealed Carry Licenses revoked during the last two calendar years and the reason for the revocations; and
- 7) Whether the Department is receiving revoked Firearm Owner's Identification Cards and Firearm Concealed Carry Licenses from local law enforcement as required;
- 8) Whether the Department has procedures in place to ensure that all firearms are transferred from persons whose Firearm Owner's Identification Cards were revoked; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Illinois Department of State Police and any other State agency, entity, or person that may have information relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the Auditor General's Office in its conduct; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Auditor General commence this audit as soon as possible and, upon completion, distribute a report in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Auditor General and the Illinois Department of State Police.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2020.

Senator Jason Barickman
Co-Chair, Legislative Audit Commission

Representative Robert Rita
Co-Chair, Legislative Audit Commission