It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11-47-15 of the General Laws in Chapter 11-47 entitled "Weapons" is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-47-15. Proof of ability required for license or permit.

No person shall be issued a license or permit to carry a pistol or revolver concealed upon his or her person pursuant to § 11-47-11 or § 11-47-15 until he or she has successfully completed a firearm safety course taught by any person certified by a nationally-recognized organization that fosters safety in firearms, or any state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor, or by a private or public education institution or a firearms training school, including a hunter safety course sponsored by the department of environmental management, that provides, at a minimum, a total of at least two (2) hours of training at a firing range and a total of at least four (4) hours of classroom or remote instruction on topics to include, but not limited to, live fire demonstrations, safely loading and unloading firearms, clearing jams and malfunctions, safe storage, proper firing methods and at least one hour of instruction by an attorney licensed in this state on the law of self-defense. Additionally, no license or permit shall be issued until the applicant has presented certification as prescribed in § 11-47-16 that he or she has qualified with a pistol or revolver of a caliber equal to or larger than the one he or she intends to carry, that qualification to consist of firing a score of one hundred ninety-five (195) or better out of a possible score of three hundred (300) with thirty (30) consecutive rounds at a distance of twenty-five (25) yards on the
army “L” target, firing “slow” fire. The “slow” fire course shall allow ten (10) minutes for the firing
of each of three (3) ten (10) shot strings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
This act would require any applicant for a license or permit to carry a concealed weapon to successfully complete a firearms safety course taught by a nationally-recognized organization that fosters safety in firearms, or any state certified or National Rifle Association certified firearms instructor, or a certified military firearms instructor, or by a private or public education institution or a firearms training school, including a hunter safety course sponsored by the department of environmental management and at least one hour of instruction by an attorney licensed in this state on the law of self-defense.

This act would take effect upon passage.