

**Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.**

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

**Act 592 of 2001**  
SENATE BILL 492

5 By: Senator DeLay  
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## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-73-119 PERTAINING TO  
10 POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS BY MINORS; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## **Subtitle**

13 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-73-119  
14 PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS BY  
15 MINORS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-73-119(c) is amended to read as follows:

22 (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that at the time  
23 of the act of possessing a handgun or firearm:

24 (1) The person is in his own dwelling or place of business or on  
25 property in which he has a possessory or proprietary interest; or

26 (2) The person is a law enforcement officer, prison guard, or  
27 member of the armed forces acting in the course and scope of his official  
28 duties; or

29 (3) The person is assisting a law enforcement officer, prison  
30 guard, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and scope of his  
31 official duties pursuant to the direction or request of the law enforcement  
32 officer, prison guard, or member of the armed forces; or

33 (4) The person is a licensed security guard acting in the course  
34 and scope of his duties; or

35 (5) The person is hunting game with a handgun or firearm which  
36 may be hunted with a handgun or firearm under the rules and regulations of

1 the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or is en route to or from a  
2 hunting area for the purpose of hunting game with a handgun or firearm; or

3 (6) The person is a certified law enforcement officer; or

4 (7) The person is on a journey, unless the person is eighteen  
5 (18) years old or less; or

6 (8) The person is participating in a certified hunting safety  
7 course sponsored by the Arkansas State Game and Fish Commission or a firearm  
8 safety course recognized and approved by the Arkansas State Game and Fish  
9 Commission or by a state or national nonprofit organization qualified and  
10 experienced in firearm safety; or

11 (9) The person is participating in a school-approved educational  
12 course or sporting activity involving the use of firearms; or

13 (10) The person is a minor engaged in lawful marksmanship  
14 competition or practice or other lawful recreational shooting under the  
15 supervision of his parent, ~~or~~ legal guardian, or other person twenty-one (21)  
16 years of age or older standing in loco parentis, or is traveling to or from  
17 this activity with an unloaded handgun or firearm accompanied by his parent,  
18 ~~or~~ legal guardian, or other person twenty-one (21) years of age or older  
19 standing in loco parentis.

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