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SENATE BILL 573

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING PLACES WHERE A PERSON MAY POSSESS  
10 AND CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY  
11 A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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16 POSSESS AND CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN  
17 WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
18 HANDGUN.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(18), concerning a place where a  
24 person may possess and carry a concealed handgun with a license to carry a  
25 concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

26 (18)(A)(i) Any place at the discretion of the person or entity  
27 exercising control over the physical location of the place by placing at each  
28 entrance to the place a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not  
29 less than ten feet (10') that "carrying a handgun is prohibited".

30 (ii)(a) If the place does not have a roadway  
31 entrance, there shall be a written notice placed anywhere upon the premises  
32 of the place.

33 (b) In addition to the requirement of  
34 subdivision (18)(A)(ii)(a) of this section, there shall be at least one (1)  
35 written notice posted within every three (3) acres of a place with no roadway  
36 entrance.



1 (iii) A written notice as described in subdivision  
2 (18)(A)(i) of this section is not required for a private home.

3 (iv) Any licensee entering a private home shall  
4 notify the occupant that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun.

5 (B) Subdivision (18)(A) of this section does not apply if  
6 the place is:

7 (i) A public university, public college, or  
8 community college, as defined in § 5-73-322, and the licensee is carrying a  
9 concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322;

10 (ii) A publicly owned and maintained parking lot if  
11 the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or  
12 has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor  
13 vehicle; ~~or~~

14 (iii) A parking lot of a private employer and the  
15 licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-326; or

16 (iv) A place owned, controlled, or operated by a  
17 local unit of government as defined in § 14-16-504 if the licensee is  
18 carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322(g) and (h), unless  
19 the place is listed in § 5-73-122(a)(3)(D)(i)-(iv) or the place is a part of  
20 a building licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the  
21 premises.

22 (C) The person or entity exercising control over the  
23 physical location of a place that does not use his, her, or its authority  
24 under this subdivision (18) to prohibit a person from possessing a concealed  
25 handgun is immune from a claim for monetary damages arising from or related  
26 to the decision not to place at each entrance to the place a written notice  
27 under this subdivision (18);

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29 /s/B. Ballinger

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