

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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# A Bill

ACT 910 OF 1997  
SENATE BILL 73

4 By: Senator Hill and  
5 By: Representative Rodgers

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARK. CODE 5-73-122 TO PROVIDE THAT  
10 POSSESSING A HANDGUN IN A COURTROOM IS A CLASS D FELONY;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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## Subtitle

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15 PROVIDE THAT POSSESSING A HANDGUN IN A  
16 COURTROOM IS A CLASS D FELONY."

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

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20 SECTION 1. Ark. Code 5-73-122 is amended to read as follows:

21 "§ 5-73-122. Carrying firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities.

22 (a)(1) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement  
23 officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency thereof,  
24 or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to  
25 knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any  
26 publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.

27 (2) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement  
28 officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency thereof,  
29 or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to  
30 knowingly carry or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in the State  
31 Capitol Building or the Justice Building in Little Rock.

32 (3) Furthermore, the provisions of this subsection shall not  
33 apply to persons carrying or possessing firearms or other deadly weapons in a  
34 publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds for the  
35 purpose of participating in shooting matches or target practice under the  
36 auspices of the agency responsible for the building or facility or grounds or

1 if necessary to participate in trade shows, exhibits, or educational courses  
2 conducted in the building or facility or on the grounds.

3 (4) As used in this section, "facility" means municipally owned  
4 or maintained parks, football fields, baseball fields, soccer fields, and  
5 other similar municipally owned or maintained recreational structures and  
6 property.

7 (b) Any person other than a law enforcement officer, officer of the  
8 court, or bailiff, acting in the line of duty, or any other person authorized  
9 by the court, who possesses a handgun in the courtroom of any court of this  
10 state is guilty of a Class D felony. Any person otherwise violating the  
11 provisions of this section is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor."  
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13 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.  
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17 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without  
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
21 act are declared to be severable.  
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23 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are  
24 hereby repealed.  
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26 /s/Hill et al  
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