

<b>Concealed Carry Statutes</b>		
<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>
§ 5-73-122	Carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or facilities	Provides that except as provided in §§ 5-73-322, 5-73-306(5), 16-21-147, and this section, it is unlawful for a person other than a law enforcement officer to carry or possess a loaded firearm in any publicly owned building or facility, the State Capitol grounds, or the Justice Building, with exceptions. Exceptions include that a person with a concealed carry license under § 5-73-301 et seq. may leave his or her weapon in his or her vehicle, exceptions for a person with an enhanced concealed carry license under § 5-73-322(g), and other exceptions.
§ 5-73-301	Definitions	Includes definitions for: acceptable electronic format, concealed, convicted, handgun, licensee, parking lot, private university or private college, and retired law enforcement officer.
§ 5-73-302	Authority to issue license	Authorizes the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police to issue a license to carry a concealed handgun to a qualified person.
§ 5-73-303	Immunity from civil damages	Provides immunity for a state, county, city or employee of such entity from civil damages resulting from a concealed carry license.
§ 5-73-304	Exemptions	Provides that a current or former law enforcement officer or detention center employee is exempt from the licensing requirements of the concealed carry subchapter if otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun.
§ 5-73-305	Criminal penalty	Provides that it is a Class B misdemeanor to submit a false answer to any question on an application for a concealed carry license.
§ 5-73-306	Prohibited places	Provides that except as permitted under § 5-73-322(g), a concealed handgun is not permitted in certain places. With various exceptions outlined in Code, the prohibited places include law enforcement offices; detention facilities, jails, and prisons; courthouses; the meeting place of a governing body of any governmental entity; a meeting of the General Assembly; state offices; athletic events; establishments other than restaurants that serve alcohol; a school or college building or event, except a K-12 private school that allows concealed carry; the passenger terminal of an airport; a church; any place concealed carry is prohibited by federal law; a parade or demonstration requiring a permit and the licensee is a

		participant; any place where the owner posts a notice prohibiting concealed handguns or otherwise communicates a prohibition; and a posted firearm-sensitive area under § 5-73-325.
§ 5-73-307	List of license holders	The Division of Arkansas State Police shall maintain a listing of concealed carry license holders that is available to any law enforcement agency.
§ 5-73-308	License — Issuance or denial	Sets out grounds for denial of a concealed carry license, including a conviction for a violent misdemeanor or the offense of carrying a weapon within the past five (5) years, or if the county sheriff or chief of police from the applicant's place of residence submits an affidavit stating that the applicant is a danger to himself or herself or others or to the community at large.
§ 5-73-309	License — Requirements	Sets out requirements to qualify for a license to carry a concealed handgun, including that the person is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and a resident of the state and signs an allegiance to the country and State of Arkansas, is twenty-one (21) years of age or older or eighteen (18) years of age and in the military, has no mental or physical infirmity that prevents the safe handling of a handgun, has no felony convictions, is not subject to any law that makes it unlawful to possess a firearm, does not chronically or habitually use a controlled substance or alcohol to the extent that his or her normal faculties are impaired, desires to carry a concealed handgun, has not been adjudicated mentally incompetent, is not a fugitive and does not have an active warrant out for arrest, and has completed a training course as prescribed by the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police.
§ 5-73-310	Application form	Requires the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police to promulgate an application for use by applicants for a license to carry a concealed handgun, to be completed by the applicant under oath.
§ 5-73-311	Application procedure	Sets out the procedure for applying for a license to carry a concealed handgun, including submitting the application and registration fee, submitting fingerprints, signing a waiver authorizing the Division of Arkansas State Police to access medical, criminal, or other records, and submitting a digital photograph of the applicant.
§ 5-73-312	Revocation	Sets out grounds for revocation of a license to carry a concealed handgun, including becoming ineligible under the criteria set forth in § 5-73-308(a)

		or § 5-73-309, a conviction of a crime involving the use of a weapon, and a conviction for an alcohol-related offense committed while carrying a handgun.
§ 5-73-313	Expiration and renewal	Provides that a licensee may renew his or her license no more than ninety (90) days prior to its expiration date. A license that is not renewed by its expiration date may be renewed upon payment of a late fee, except that, once six (6) months pass from the expiration date, a license shall not be renewed and is permanently expired.
§ 5-73-314	Lost, destroyed, or duplicate license — Change of address	Requires a licensee to notify the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police upon a permanent change of address or the loss of a license and permits the replacement of a lost or destroyed license upon payment of a fee.
§ 5-73-315	Authority to carry concealed handgun — Identification of licensee	Permits a licensee to carry a concealed handgun along with the license, or electronic copy, and valid identification.
§ 5-73-316	Fees	Provides that fees paid under the subchapter be deposited into the Department of Arkansas State Police Fund.
§ 5-73-317	Rules	Permits the Director of the Division of Arkansas State Police to promulgate rules to permit the efficient administration of the concealed handgun subchapter.
§ 5-73-318	Instructor review of applications	Provides that an instructor authorized to conduct a training course shall check student applications for completeness, accuracy, and legibility, and an instructor who repeatedly fails to do so may have his or her instructor license revoked.
§ 5-73-319	Transfer of a license to Arkansas	Provides that a person who moves to Arkansas from another state where he or she had a license to carry a concealed handgun may transfer the license to Arkansas.
§ 5-73-320	License for certain members of the Arkansas National Guard or a reserve component or active duty military personnel	Sets out the requirements for an active or honorably discharged military member to obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun.

§ 5-73-321	Recognition of other states' licenses	Provides that a person who carries a license to carry a concealed firearm issued by another state is entitled to the same privileges in this state.
§ 5-73-322	Concealed handguns in a university, college, or community college building	<p>Governs concealed carry of a handgun at a public university, college, or community college. Includes definitions for these terms in subsection (a).</p> <p>This section establishes what is referred to as the enhanced concealed carry license because it provides in subsection (g) that the Director of the Arkansas State Police shall approve training courses for concealed carry under this section which allow a licensee upon completion to be given a concealed carry endorsement indicating that the person is permitted to possess and carry a concealed handgun in the buildings and on the grounds of a public university.</p> <p>Subsection (h) provides that a person with the endorsement under subsection (g) of the section is exempt from several prohibitions and restrictions that otherwise apply. This permits the licensee to carry a concealed handgun in a publicly owned building under § 5-73-122 and permits concealed carry of a handgun in certain prohibited places listed in § 5-73-306 (several exceptions should be noted).</p> <p>Subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (j) specifically instruct concealed carry in public universities. Subsection (b) provides that a licensee who has completed the training under subsection (g) may possess a concealed handgun in the building and on the grounds of a public university unless otherwise prohibited by this section or § 5-73-306.</p> <p>Subsection (c) provides that a licensee who has completed the training under subsection (g) may possess a concealed handgun in the building and on the grounds of a private university or private college unless otherwise prohibited by this section or § 5-73-306 if the private university does not adopt a policy expressly disallowing the carrying of handguns. If a private university adopts a policy prohibiting handguns, it shall post notices as described in § 5-73-306(18). A private university or private college may</p>

		<p>also allow only concealed handguns, and subdivision (c)(2)(B) and (C) provide that if that policy is adopted, a notice shall be posted.</p> <p>Subsection (d) prohibits the storage of a handgun in a university dormitory or residence hall.</p> <p>Subsection (e) provides, with certain exceptions, that a person may not carry a concealed handgun into a building at a public university where a meeting concerning grievance and disciplinary procedures is being held.</p> <p>Subsection (f) provides that the section does not affect a licensee's ability to store a concealed handgun in his or her vehicle under § 5-73-306(13)(B)(v).</p> <p>Subsection (j) provides that an employee of a public university is not required to carry a concealed handgun unless required by his or her job description and may do so as a matter of personal choice.</p>
§ 5-73-323	Post-Prison Transfer Board exemptions	Authorizes a member of the Post-Prison Transfer Board, a board investigator, or a revocation hearing judge who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun under this chapter to carry a concealed handgun into a building or location where a law enforcement officer may carry a handgun when the individual is on official business of the board.
§ 5-73-324	Firearm rights shall not be infringed	<p>Provides that a license to carry a concealed handgun under this chapter shall not be denied because a person is exercising his or her right to carry a firearm under the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution, Article 2, § 5 of the Arkansas Constitution, or the Arkansas Code.</p> <p>Also prohibits the Arkansas State police from promulgating a rule that would result in the suspension or revocation of a concealed carry license because a person possessed a handgun when the possession was not a criminal offense or a violation of § 5-73-306.</p>
§ 5-73-325	Firearm-sensitive areas — Security plan approval	Permits the Arkansas State Hospital, UAMS, or an institution of higher learning that is hosting a collegiate athletic event to submit a security plan

		for approval by the Arkansas State Police that prohibits the possession of a concealed handgun by licensees in designated areas and sets out the requirements for a security plan including details such as the total number of people expected at the event, the number of exits and entrances, and other details concerning security.
§ 5-73-327	Voluntary mental health treatment	Creates a pathway for a person who has voluntarily entered mental health treatment to subsequently obtain a license to carry a concealed handgun by filing a petition in circuit court. Sets out the requirements and procedure to be followed when a petition is filed under this section. A court shall enter an order granting a petition when it finds that the petitioner is not likely to act in a manner that is a danger to public safety and granting the petition would not be contrary to the public interest.
§ 5-73-328	Board of Corrections exemption	Permits a member of the Board of Correction who is a licensee under this chapter to carry a concealed handgun into a building or location where a law enforcement officer may carry a handgun.
§ 5-73-329	Purpose and construction of subchapter	Provides that the purpose of the subchapter is to establish concealed carry licensing for the purpose or providing license reciprocity in other states that require a license to carry a concealed handgun. The subchapter does not require a person to obtain a license in order to carry a concealed handgun in Arkansas.
§ 7-1-101	Definitions	Provides that a license to carry a concealed handgun is an acceptable document to verify voter registration.
§ 20-56-308	Firearms rights protections	Provides that a person's status as a qualifying medical marijuana patient under the Arkansas Medical Marijuana Amendment of 2016, Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 98, § 5(f) is confidential information that shall not be disclosed by the Department of Health to the Division of Arkansas State Police in relation to a criminal history check for a concealed handgun license under § 5-73-301 et seq. Prohibits the Division of Arkansas State Police from considering a person's status as a qualifying patient in determining whether an applicant is eligible for a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq.
§ 25-19-105	Examination and copying of public records	Subdivision (b)(19) provides that records related to the issuance, renewal, expiration, suspension, or revocation of a license to carry a concealed

		handgun or a past or present licensee under § 5-73-301 et seq. is not subject to examination and copying under the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act.
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