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A Bill

SENATE BILL 492

By: Senator DeLay

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-73-119 PERTAINING TO
POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS BY MINORS; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 5-73-119
PERTAINING TO POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS BY
MINORS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 5-73-119(c) is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

(5) The person is hunting game with a handgun or firearm which 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.