

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.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1359

5 By: Representatives Rosenbaum, Creekmore, Fite, Gillespie, Harris, Hardwick, Key, Lamoureux,  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO PERMIT A PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
12 HANDGUN INTO A RESTAURANT OR PUBLIC PARK; AND FOR  
13 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 CONCEALED HANDGUN INTO A RESTAURANT OR  
19 PUBLIC PARK.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(a) and (b), concerning places in  
25 which concealed handguns are not allowed to be carried, are amended to read  
26 as follows:

27 (a) No license issued pursuant to this subchapter shall authorize any  
28 person to carry a concealed handgun into:

29 (1) Any police, sheriff's, or Department of Arkansas State  
30 Police station;

31 (2) Any Arkansas Highway Police facility;

32 (3) Any buildings of the Arkansas State Highway and  
33 Transportation Department, or onto grounds adjacent to such buildings, except  
34 that this subdivision (a)(3) shall not apply to rest areas and weigh stations  
35 of the department;

36 (4) Any detention facility, prison, or jail;



- 1 (5) Any courthouse;
- 2 (6) Any courtroom, except that nothing in this subchapter shall
- 3 preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will
- 4 carry a concealed weapon in his courtroom;
- 5 (7) Any polling place;
- 6 (8) Any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental
- 7 entity;
- 8 (9) Any meeting of the legislature or a committee thereof;
- 9 (10) Any building wherein a state office is located;
- 10 ~~(11) Any public park, unless for the purpose of participating in~~
- 11 ~~any authorized firearms-related activity. For the purpose of this subdivision~~
- 12 ~~(a)(11) "public park" shall not include rest areas of the Arkansas State~~
- 13 ~~Highway and Transportation Department;~~
- 14 ~~(12)(11)~~ Any athletic event not related to firearms;
- 15 ~~(13)(12)~~ Any portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as
- 16 defined in § 3-9-402, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for
- 17 consumption on the premises;
- 18 ~~(14)(13)~~ Any portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as
- 19 defined in § 3-9-402, in which beer or light wine is consumed on the
- 20 premises;
- 21 ~~(15)(14)~~ Any school, college, community college, or university
- 22 campus building or event, unless for the purpose of participating in an
- 23 authorized firearms-related activity;
- 24 ~~(16)(15)~~ Inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except
- 25 that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the
- 26 terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment for purposes of checking such
- 27 firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft;
- 28 ~~(17)(16)~~ Any church or other place of worship; or
- 29 ~~(18)(17)~~ Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited
- 30 by federal law.
- 31 (b)(1)(A) In addition to the places enumerated in this section, the
- 32 carrying of a concealed handgun may be disallowed in any place ~~in~~ at the
- 33 discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical
- 34 location of such place by the placing of a written notice clearly readable at
- 35 a distance of not less than ten feet (10') that the "carrying of a handgun is
- 36 prohibited" at each entrance to the location.

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(B) If the location does not have a roadway entrance, there must be a written notice placed anywhere upon the premises except that there must be at least one (1) written notice posted within every three (3) acres of a location with no roadway entrance.

(2) Provided, no sign shall be required for private homes, and any licensee entering a private home shall notify the occupants that he is carrying a concealed handgun.