

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

SENATE BILL 85

5 By: Senator T. Smith
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW LEGAL HOLDERS OF A CURRENT
10 ARKANSAS CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE AN EXEMPTION
11 FROM THE STATUTE CONCERNING POSSESSION OF A
12 LOADED CENTER-FIRE WEAPON IN CERTAIN AREAS; AND
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-127 is amended to read as follows:

26 5-73-127. Possession of loaded center-fire weapons in certain areas.

27 (a) It is unlawful to possess a loaded center-fire weapon, other than
28 a shotgun, and other than in a residence or business of the owner, in the
29 following areas:

30 (1) Baxter County:

31 (A) That part bounded on the south by Highway 178, on the
32 west and north by Bull Shoals Lake, and on the east by the Central Electric
33 Power Corporation transmission line from Howard Creek to Highway 178;

34 (B) That part of Bidwell Point lying south of the east-
35 west road which crosses Highway 101 at the Presbyterian Church;

36 (C) That part of Bidwell Point lying west of Bennett's



1 Bayou and north of the east-west road which crosses Highway 101 at the
 2 Presbyterian Church;

3 (D) That part of Baxter County between:

4 (i) County Road 139 and Lake Norfolk to the north
 5 and west;

6 (ii) County Road 151 and Lake Norfolk to the north,
 7 west, and south in the Diamond Bay area;

8 (iii) The Bluff Road and Lake Norfolk to the west;

9 (iv) John Lewis Road (Timber Lake Manor) and Lake
 10 Norfolk to the west and south;

11 (v) The south end of County Road 91 south of its
 12 intersection with John Lewis Road and Lake Norfolk to the south and east; and

13 (vi) County Road 150 from its intersection with
 14 County Road 93 south and Lake Norfolk to the south and east but not east of
 15 County Road 93;

16 (2) Benton County:

17 (A) That part of the Hobbs Estate north of State Highway
 18 12, west of Rambo Road, and south and east of Van Hollow Creek and the Van
 19 Hollow Creek arm of Beaver Lake;

20 (B) All of Bella Vista Village; and

21 (C) That part bounded on the north by Beaver Lake, on the
 22 east by Beaver Lake, on the south by the Hobbs State Management Area boundary
 23 from the intersection of State Highway 12 eastward along the boundary to its
 24 intersection with the Van Hollow Creek arm of Beaver Lake;

25 (3) Benton and Carroll Counties: That part bounded on the north
 26 by Highway 62, on the east by Highway 187 and Henry Hollow Creek, and the
 27 south and west by Beaver Lake and the road from Beaver Dam north to Highway
 28 62;

29 (4) Conway County: That part lying above the rimrock of Petit
 30 Jean Mountain;

31 (5) Garland County: All of Hot Springs Village and Diamondhead;

32 (6) Marion County:

33 (A) That part known as Bull Shoals Peninsula, bounded on
 34 the east and north by White River and Lake Bull Shoals, on the west by the
 35 Jimmie Creek arm of Lake Bull Shoals, and on the south by the municipal
 36 boundaries of the City of Bull Shoals;

1 (B) That part of Marion County bounded on the north, west,
2 and south by Bull Shoals Lake and on the east by County Roads 355 and 322
3 from their intersections with State Highway 202 to the points where they
4 respectively dead-end at arms of Bull Shoals Lake;

5 (C) The Yocum Bend Peninsula of Bull Shoals Lake bounded
6 on the north and east by Bull Shoals Lake, on the west by Pine Mountain and
7 Bull Shoals Lake, and on the south by County Road 30; and

8 (D) Those lands situated in Marion County known as the
9 Frost Point Peninsula, not inundated by the waters of Bull Shoals Lake, being
10 more particularly described as follows:

11 (i) Section Six, Township Twenty North, Range
12 Fifteen West, (Sec. 6 - T.20 N. - R.15 W.), lying south of the White River
13 channel;

14 (ii) Section One, Township Twenty North, Range
15 Sixteen West, (Sec. 1 - T.20 N. - R.16 W.); and

16 (iii) East Half of Section Two, Township Twenty
17 North, Range Sixteen West, (E 1/2 Sec. 2 - T.20 N. - R.16 W.); North Half of
18 the Northeast Quarter of Section Eleven, Township Twenty North, Range Sixteen
19 West (N 1/2 - NE 1/4 Sec. 11 - T.20 N. - R.16 W.); and

20 (7) A platted subdivision located in an unincorporated area.

21 (b) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit or
22 restrict or to make unlawful the discharge of a firearm in defense of a
23 person or property within the areas described in this section.

24 (c) Any person who is found guilty or who pleads guilty or nolo
25 contendere to violating this section shall be fined no less than twenty-five
26 dollars (\$25.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

27 (d) This section does not apply to a:

28 (1) Law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her
29 duties; ~~or~~

30 (2) Discharge of a center-fire weapon at a firing range
31 maintained for the discharging of a center-fire weapon; or

32 (3) Person possessing a valid concealed handgun license under §
33 5-73-301 et seq.

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