

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 1237

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO REMOVE CHURCHES AND OTHER PLACES OF
11 WORSHIP FROM THE LIST OF PROHIBITED PLACES FOR A
12 PERSON LICENSED TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN TO
13 CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN; TO ALLOW A PERSON
14 LICENSED TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN TO CARRY A
15 CONCEALED HANDGUN IN PARKING LOTS OF CERTAIN
16 PLACES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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18 **Subtitle**

19 TO REMOVE CHURCHES AND OTHER PLACES OF
20 WORSHIP AS PROHIBITED PLACES FOR A
21 LICENSEE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
22 AND TO ALLOW A LICENSEE TO CARRY A
23 CONCEALED HANDGUN IN CERTAIN PARKING
24 LOTS.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306 is amended to read as follows:
30 5-73-306. Prohibited places.

31 (a) No A license to carry a concealed handgun issued ~~pursuant to~~ under
32 this subchapter ~~authorizes~~ does not authorize any person to carry a concealed
33 handgun into:

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

36 (2) Any Arkansas Highway Police Division of the Arkansas State



1 Highway and Transportation Department facility;

2 (3)(A) Any building of the Arkansas State Highway and
3 Transportation Department or onto grounds adjacent to any building of the
4 Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.

5 (B) However, subdivision (3)(A) of this section does not
6 apply to a rest area or weigh station of the Arkansas State Highway and
7 Transportation Department;

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

9 (5) Any courthouse;

10 (6)(A) Any courtroom.

11 (B) However, nothing in this subchapter precludes a judge
12 from carrying a concealed weapon or determining who will carry a concealed
13 weapon into his or her courtroom;

14 (7) Any polling place;

15 (8) Any meeting place of the governing body of any governmental
16 entity;

17 (9) Any meeting of the General Assembly or a committee of the
18 General Assembly;

19 (10) Any state office;

20 (11) Any athletic event not related to firearms;

21 (12) Any portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as
22 defined in § 3-9-402, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for
23 consumption on the premises;

24 (13) Any portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as
25 defined in § 3-9-402, where beer or light wine is consumed on the premises;

26 (14) Any school, college, community college, or university
27 campus building or event, unless for the purpose of participating in an
28 authorized firearms-related activity;

29 (15) Inside the passenger terminal of any airport, except that
30 no person is prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the passenger
31 terminal if the firearm is encased for shipment for purposes of checking the
32 firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft;

33 ~~(16) Any church or other place of worship;~~

34 ~~(17)~~(16) Any place where the carrying of a firearm is prohibited
35 by federal law;

36 ~~(18)~~(17) Any place where a parade or demonstration requiring a

1 permit is being held, and the licensee is a participant in the parade or
2 demonstration; or

3 ~~(19)(A)~~(18)(A) Any place at the discretion of the person or
4 entity exercising control over the physical location of the place by placing
5 at each entrance to the place a written notice clearly readable at a distance
6 of not less than ten feet (10') that "carrying a handgun is prohibited".

7 (B)(i) If the place does not have a roadway entrance,
8 there shall be a written notice placed anywhere upon the premises of the
9 place.

10 (ii) In addition to the requirement of subdivision
11 ~~(19)(B)(i)~~ (a)(18)(B)(i) of this section, there shall be at least one (1)
12 written notice posted within every three (3) acres of a place with no roadway
13 entrance.

14 (C) A written notice as described in subdivision ~~(19)(A)~~
15 (a)(18)(A) of this section is not required for a private home.

16 (D) Any licensee entering a private home shall notify the
17 occupant that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun.

18 (E) A sign posted as authorized in this subdivision
19 (a)(18) at a place of worship does not prohibit a person or entity exercising
20 lawful control over the physical location of the place of worship, from
21 allowing a licensee to carry a concealed handgun into the place of worship.

22 (b) This section does not preclude a licensee or a person with a
23 license to carry a concealed handgun recognized by § 5-73-402 from carrying a
24 concealed handgun into the parking lot or parking area of a place of worship.

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