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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1051

By: Representative D. Altes

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO BE KNOWN AS THE DEFENSE CARRY RESTORATION ACT; TO AMEND STATE LAW REGARDING THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF FIREARMS TO ENSURE ALL ARKANSANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO CARRY ARMS IN PUBLIC PLACES, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY LAW, FOR SELF DEFENSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

THE DEFENSE CARRY RESTORATION ACT
REGARDING THE OPEN CARRY OF FIREARMS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(a), regarding the offense of carrying a weapon, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits the offense of carrying a weapon if he or she possesses a concealed handgun without a permit under § 5-73-301 et seq., knife, or club on or about his or her person, in a vehicle occupied by him or her, or otherwise readily available for use with a purpose to employ the concealed handgun, knife, or club as a weapon against a person.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 5, Subtitle 6, Chapter 73, Subchapter 1 is amended to add a new section to read as follows:

5-73-134. Open carry of handguns generally.

(a) Except as otherwise prohibited, a person may openly carry a handgun as defined in § 5-73-120(b)(2) for any reason on his or her person or in a vehicle occupied by him or her.



1 (b)(1) As used in this section, "openly carry" means that the handgun
2 is not hidden or concealed from view.

3 (2) "Openly carry" includes without limitation the carrying of a
4 holstered handgun that is not otherwise hidden or concealed from view.