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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1269

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ALLOW A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEE TO KEEP
9 A HANDGUN IN HIS OR HER LOCKED VEHICLE ON HIS OR HER
10 EMPLOYER'S PARKING LOT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 TO ALLOW A CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSEE TO
15 KEEP A HANDGUN IN HIS OR HER LOCKED
16 VEHICLE ON HIS OR HER EMPLOYER'S PARKING
17 LOT.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3, is amended
23 to add a new section to read as follows:

24 5-73-322. Licensee rights.

25 (a) A public or private employer shall not prohibit any employee who
26 is a licensee from possessing any legally owned handgun when the handgun is
27 lawfully possessed and locked inside a private motor vehicle in a parking
28 lot.

29 (b) A public or private employer shall not condition employment upon
30 either:

31 (1) The fact that an employee or prospective employee holds
32 or does not hold a valid concealed handgun license; or

33 (2) An agreement by an employee or a prospective employee who is
34 a licensee that prohibits the employee or prospective employee from keeping a
35 handgun locked inside a private motor vehicle in a parking lot when the
36 handgun is kept for lawful purposes.



1 (c) A public or private employer shall not prohibit or attempt to
2 prevent any employee who is a licensee from entering the parking lot of the
3 employer's place of business because the employee's private motor vehicle
4 contains a handgun kept for lawful purposes and the handgun is out of sight
5 within the employee's private motor vehicle.

6 (d) A public or private employer shall not terminate the employment of
7 or otherwise discriminate against an employee for exercising his or her
8 constitutional right to keep and bear arms or for exercising the right of
9 self-defense so long as a handgun is not exhibited on the employer's property
10 for any reason other than lawful defensive purposes.

11 (e) This section does not apply to:

12 (1) A prohibited place specifically listed in § 5-73-306(1)-
13 (18);

14 (2) Property owned or controlled by a person other than the
15 employer that is subject to a valid, unexpired oil, gas, or other mineral
16 lease that contains a provision prohibiting the possession of a handgun on
17 the property; or

18 (3) Property owned or leased:

19 (A) By a chemical manufacturer or oil and gas refiner; and

20 (B) On which the primary business conducted is the
21 manufacture, use, storage, or transportation of hazardous, combustible, or
22 explosive materials.

23 (f)(1) Except in cases of gross negligence, a public or private
24 employer or the employer's principal, officer, director, employee, or agent
25 is not liable in a civil action for personal injury, death, property damage,
26 or any other damages resulting from or arising out of an occurrence involving
27 a handgun that the public or private employer is required to allow on the
28 public or private employer's property under this section.

29 (2) The presence of a handgun on a public or private employer's
30 property under this section does not by itself constitute a failure by the
31 public or private employer to provide a safe workplace.

32 (g) Under this section, a public or private employer or the public or
33 private employer's principal, officer, director, employee, or agent does not
34 have a duty:

35 (1) To patrol, inspect, or secure:

36 (A) A parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area

1 the public or private employer provides for employees; or

2 (B) A privately owned motor vehicle located in a parking
3 lot, parking garage, or other parking area; or

4 (2) To investigate, confirm, or determine an employee's
5 compliance with laws related to the ownership or possession of a handgun or
6 the transportation and storage of a handgun.

7 (h) This section does not limit or alter the personal liability of:

8 (1) A person who causes harm or injury by using a handgun;

9 (2) A person who aids, assists, or encourages another person to
10 cause harm or injury by using a handgun; or

11 (3) An employee who transports or stores a handgun on the
12 property of the employee's employer but who fails to comply with the
13 requirements of this section.

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