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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 660

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSING  
9 FRAMEWORK; CONCERNING THE POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN;  
10 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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14 TO MODERNIZE THE CONCEALED HANDGUN  
15 LICENSING FRAMEWORK; AND CONCERNING THE  
16 POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-101, concerning definitions used  
22 concerning weapons, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as  
23 follows:

24 (12) "Publicly owned building or facility" means a structure or  
25 enclosed area that is owned, operated, or administered by the United States  
26 Government, state government, or a county, local, regional, or municipal  
27 government for public use.  
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29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(c)(1), concerning the possession  
30 of a handgun upon the property of any private institution of higher education  
31 or a publicly supported institution of higher education, is amended to read  
32 as follows:

33 (c)(1)(A) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, a person in this state  
34 shall not possess a handgun upon the property of any private institution of  
35 higher education or a publicly supported institution of higher education in  
36 this state on or about his or her person, in a vehicle occupied by him or



1 her, or otherwise readily available for use with a purpose to employ the  
2 handgun as a weapon against a person.

3 (B) However, a person with a license to carry a concealed  
4 handgun with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-73-322 may possess and  
5 store a handgun in his or her room inside of a university or college-operated  
6 student dormitory or residence hall under § 5-73-322(d).

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8 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(3), concerning the exceptions  
9 to the prohibition against possessing a firearm in a publicly owned building  
10 or facility, is amended to add a new subdivision to read as follows:

11 (F) If the person is a member of a board or commission  
12 established under state law and the person possesses the handgun in or at a  
13 publicly owned building or facility where a meeting of the board or  
14 commission is being held.

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning the places where a  
17 person with a license to carry a concealed handgun is prohibited from  
18 carrying a concealed handgun, is amended to add an additional subdivision to  
19 read as follows:

20 (5)(A) Any courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building  
21 owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings  
22 or housing a county office unless:

23 ~~(A)(i)~~ The licensee is:  
24 ~~(i)(a)~~ Employed by the county;  
25 ~~(ii)(b)~~ A countywide elected official;  
26 ~~(iii)(c)~~ A justice of the peace; or  
27 ~~(iv)(a)(d)(1)~~ Employed by a governmental  
28 entity, other than the county, with an office or place of employment inside  
29 the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or  
30 regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a  
31 county office.

32 ~~(b)(2)~~ A licensee is limited to carrying  
33 a concealed handgun under subdivision ~~(5)(A)(iv)(a)(5)(A)(i)(d)(1)~~ of this  
34 section into the courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned,  
35 leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or  
36 housing a county office where the office or place of employment of the

1 governmental entity that employs him or her is located;

2 ~~(B)~~(ii) The licensee's principal place of employment  
3 is within the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned,  
4 leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or  
5 housing a county office; and

6 ~~(C)~~(iii) The quorum court by ordinance approves a  
7 plan that allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a  
8 concealed handgun into the courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building  
9 owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings  
10 or housing a county office, as set out by the local security and emergency  
11 preparedness plan~~+~~.

12 (B) The prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun  
13 into a building housing a county office under this subdivision (5) does not  
14 apply to a licensee who has obtained a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-  
15 73-322(g) if the building housing the county office does not also contain a  
16 courthouse or courtroom and an administrative hearing is not underway in the  
17 building;

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19 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(11), concerning certain  
20 establishments being prohibited places to carry a concealed handgun, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (11)(A) A portion of an establishment, except a restaurant, as  
23 defined in § 3-5-1202, licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for  
24 consumption on the premises.

25 (B) A person with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-  
26 73-322(g) and who is carrying a concealed handgun may not enter ~~an~~  
27 establishment the portion of the establishment where alcoholic beverages are  
28 dispensed for consumption on the premises as allowed under a permit issued by  
29 the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division under this section if the  
30 establishment either places a written notice as permitted under subdivision  
31 (18) of this section or provides notice under subdivision (19) of this  
32 section prohibiting a person with a license to possess a concealed handgun at  
33 the physical location;

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35 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(12), concerning certain  
36 establishments being prohibited places to carry a concealed handgun, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (12)(A) A portion of an establishment, except a restaurant as  
3 defined in § 3-5-1202, where beer or light wine is consumed on the premises.

4 (B) A person with a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-  
5 73-322(g) and who is carrying a concealed handgun may not enter ~~an~~  
6 establishment the portion of the establishment where beer or light wine is  
7 consumed on the premises as allowed under a permit issued by the Alcoholic  
8 Beverage Control Division under this section if the establishment either  
9 places a written notice as permitted under subdivision (18) of this section  
10 or provides notice under subdivision (19) of this section prohibiting a  
11 person with a license to possess a concealed handgun at the physical  
12 location;

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14 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(d), concerning the storage of a  
15 handgun in a university or college-operated student dormitory or residence  
16 hall, is amended to read as follows:

17 (d) The storage of a handgun in a university or college-operated  
18 student dormitory or residence hall is ~~prohibited under § 5-73-119(e)~~  
19 permitted if the handgun:

20 (1) Is lawfully possessed;

21 (2) Is stored out of sight inside a locked room in the student  
22 dormitory or residence hall; and

23 (3)(A) Is stored inside a locked personal handgun storage  
24 container that is designed for the safe storage of a handgun.

25 (B) A person is not required to store the handgun in the  
26 personal handgun storage container until he or she is leaving his or her room  
27 in the student dormitory or residence hall; and

28 (4) The person has in his or her possession the key to the  
29 personal handgun storage container.

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31 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 5-73-322(g)(2)(A), concerning the training  
32 for a license to carry a concealed handgun with a concealed carry  
33 endorsement, is amended to read as follows:

34 (2)(A) Training required under this subsection ~~shall:~~

35 (i) ~~Not be required to be renewed~~ Does not require  
36 renewal;

1 (ii) ~~Consist~~ Shall consist of a course of up to  
2 eight (8) hours;

3 (iii) ~~Be~~ May be offered by all training instructors  
4 and at all concealed carry training courses; and

5 (iv) ~~Cost~~ Shall cost no more than a nominal amount.  
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7 SECTION 9. Arkansas Code Title 5, Chapter 73, Subchapter 3, is amended  
8 to add an additional section to read as follows:

9 5-73-327. Government not a private entity.

10 The United States Government, the state government, or a county, local,  
11 regional, or municipal government is not considered:

12 (1) An entity exercising control over a physical location under  
13 § 5-73-306(18); or

14 (2) A private entity under § 5-73-306(19).  
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