

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2347

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to weapons; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 31, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1995 (21 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1277), which relates to carrying a concealed handgun into public buildings; providing exception for Commissioner of Labor and Department of Labor employees if licensed to carry concealed handgun; establishing procedure for verification of need for self-defense in Department of Labor offices; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 31, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1995 (21 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1277. UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

A. It shall be unlawful for any person having a valid concealed handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, ~~Sections 1 through 25 of this act,~~ to carry any concealed handgun into any of the following places:

1. Any city hall, county courthouse, state offices or buildings or federal offices or buildings;

2. Any meeting of any municipal, county, state or federal officials or any meeting of school board members, legislative members or any meeting of other elected or appointed officials which is open to the public;

3. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent;

4. Any college or university facility. Provided, however, a person may carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act with the permission of the president of the college or university; or

5. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed six (6) months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall have the concealed handgun license permanently revoked and shall be liable for an administrative fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) upon a hearing and determination by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation that the person is in violation of the provisions of this section.

B. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not apply to any law enforcement officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the course of their employment.

C. The provisions of subsection A of this section shall not apply to an employee of the Department of Labor or the Commissioner of Labor if the employee or Commissioner has obtained a license to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and if the provisions of Section 2 of this act have been met.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12 of Title 40, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

An employee of the Department of Labor or the Commissioner of Labor may carry a concealed handgun in the offices of the Department of Labor under the following conditions:

1. The employee or the Commissioner has obtained a license to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act; and

2. The employee or the Commissioner documents in a verified written statement why the employee or the Commissioner may need to use a handgun for self-defense in the offices of the Department of Labor.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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