

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2617

By: Martin (Steve), Ritze and
Bennett of the House

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8 An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending
9 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by
10 Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp.
11 2013, Section 1277), which relates to the unlawful
12 carrying of firearms; clarifying certain prohibited
13 acts; deleting certain construing provision and
14 administrative penalty; and providing an effective
15 date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as
18 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 344, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp.
19 2013, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1277.

21 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

22 A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid
23 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
24 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into
any of the following places:

1 1. Any structure, building, or office space that has a security
2 checkpoint at each public entrance for the detection of weapons and
3 which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state, or federal
4 governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with
5 the public;

6 2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility
7 or any facility used to process, hold, or house arrested persons,
8 prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent;

9 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private
10 secondary school, except as provided in subsection C of this
11 section;

12 4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event;

13 5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;
14 and

15 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

16 B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 4 and 5 of subsection A of
17 this section, the prohibited place does not include and specifically
18 excludes the following property:

19 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
20 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,
21 state, or federal governmental authority;

22 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
23 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any
24 professional sporting event which is open to the public for

1 admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering
2 authorized by law;

3 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building, or office
4 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by
5 the provisions of this section; and

6 4. Any property or structure designated by a city, town,
7 county, or state, governmental authority as a park, recreational
8 area, or fairgrounds; ~~provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be~~
9 ~~construed to authorize any entry by a person in possession of a~~
10 ~~concealed or unconcealed handgun into any structure, building, or~~
11 ~~office space which is specifically prohibited by the provisions of~~
12 ~~subsection A of this section.~~

13 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
14 construed to authorize or allow any person in control of any place
15 described in paragraph 1, 2, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section
16 to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting
17 any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession
18 of a handgun allowable under such license in places described in
19 paragraph 1, 2, 3 or 4 of this subsection.

20 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto
21 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any
22 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a
23 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,
24 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the

1 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a
2 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle
3 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or
4 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school
5 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on
6 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private
7 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from
8 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall
9 not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

10 D. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this
11 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
12 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
13 (\$250.00). ~~Any person convicted of violating the provisions of~~
14 ~~subsection A of this section may be liable for an administrative~~
15 ~~fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) upon a hearing and~~
16 ~~determination by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation that the~~
17 ~~person is in violation of the provisions of subsection A of this~~
18 ~~section.~~

19 E. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued
20 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be
21 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college,
22 university, or technology center school property, except as provided
23 in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following
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1 property shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a
2 valid handgun license:

3 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
4 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is
5 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed
6 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or
7 university president or technology center school administrator while
8 the vehicle is on any college, university, or technology center
9 school property;

10 2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by
11 college, university, or technology center school policy; and

12 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the
13 college or university president or technology center school
14 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the
15 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university,
16 or technology center school property.

17 The college, university, or technology center school may notify
18 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a
19 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon
20 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall
21 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the
22 hearing upon a determination that the licensee has violated any
23 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an
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1 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may
2 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

3 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
4 construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or
5 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has
6 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a
7 handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such
8 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this
9 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection
10 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college or
11 university in this state from taking administrative action against
12 any student for any violation of any provision of this subsection.

13 F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace
14 officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the
15 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges
16 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid
17 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
18 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the
19 Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this
20 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the
21 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms
22 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the
23 course and scope of employment.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2014.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

5 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2014.

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