

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 934

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to minors possessing firearms;
amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1273, as amended by
Section 4, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp.
2012, Section 1273), which relates to allowing minors
to possess firearms; modifying who may give a firearm
to a child for certain purposes; adding certain
purpose; modifying weapons a minor may possess for
certain purposes; modifying a certain criminal
offense; modifying what certain firearms may be used
for; modifying provisions relating to certain
violations and penalties; and providing an effective
date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1273, as
amended by Section 4, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2012,
Section 1273), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1273.

ALLOWING MINORS TO POSSESS FIREARMS

A. It shall be unlawful for any person within this state to
sell or give to any child any of the arms or weapons designated in
Section 1272 of this title; provided, the provisions of this section
shall not prohibit a parent of a child or legal guardian of a child,

1 or a person acting with the permission of the parent of the child or
2 legal guardian of the child, from giving ~~his or her~~ the child a
3 ~~rifle or shotgun~~ firearm for participation in hunting animals or
4 fowl, hunter safety classes, education and training in the safe use
5 and handling of firearms, target shooting, skeet, trap or other
6 ~~recognized~~ sporting events or competitions, except as provided in
7 subsection B of this section.

8 B. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to
9 intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permit his or her child to
10 possess any of the arms or weapons designated in Section 1272 of
11 this title, including any ~~rifle or shotgun~~ firearm, if such parent
12 is aware of a substantial risk that the child will use the weapon to
13 commit a criminal offense or if the child has either been
14 adjudicated a delinquent or has been convicted as an adult for any
15 criminal offense that contains as an element the threat or use of
16 physical force against the person of another.

17 C. It shall be unlawful for any child to possess any of the
18 arms or weapons designated in Section 1272 of this title, except
19 ~~rifles or shotguns~~ firearms used for participation in hunting
20 animals or fowl, hunter safety classes, education and training in
21 the safe use and handling of firearms, target shooting, skeet, trap
22 or other ~~recognized~~ sporting ~~event~~ events or competitions.
23 Provided, ~~the possession of rifles or shotguns authorized by this~~
24 section shall not authorize the possession of such weapons by any

1 person who is subject to the provisions of Section 1283 of this
2 title.

3 D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall,
4 upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1276 of this
5 title, and, any child violating the provisions of this section shall
6 be subject to adjudication as a delinquent. In addition, any person
7 violating the provisions of ~~this section~~ subsection A or B of this
8 section shall be liable for civil damages for any injury or death to
9 any person and for any damage to property, as provided in Section 10
10 of Title 23 of the Oklahoma Statutes, resulting from any discharge
11 of a firearm by the child or use of any other weapon ~~as provided in~~
12 ~~Section 10 of Title 23 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ that the person had
13 given to the child or permitted the child to possess. Any person
14 convicted of violating the provisions of this section after having
15 been issued a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the
16 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may be liable for an administrative
17 violation as provided in Section 1276 of this title.

18 E. As used in this section, "child" means a person under
19 eighteen (18) years of age.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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