

**SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 23, 2017

SENATE BILL NO. 43

By: Leewright of the Senate

and

Jordan, Coody, Bennett  
(John), Faught and Gann of  
the House

An Act relating to carrying firearms; amending 21  
O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section  
1, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
Section 1277), which relates to unlawful carry in  
certain places; modifying notification procedures for  
certain situations; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as  
last amended by Section 1, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.  
2016, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1277.

UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

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

1        1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
2 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental  
3 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

4        2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility  
5 or any facility used to process, hold or house arrested persons,  
6 prisoners or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent,  
7 except as provided in Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes;

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 publicly owned or operated sports arena or venue during  
13 a professional sporting event, unless allowed by the event holder;

14       5. Any place where gambling is authorized by law, unless  
15 allowed by the property owner; and

16       6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

17       B. For purposes of subsection A of this section, the prohibited  
18 place does not include and specifically excludes the following  
19 property:

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

1        2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
2 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the  
3 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;

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

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

14        5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or  
15 secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether  
16 attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be  
17 stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor  
18 vehicle is left unattended on school property.

19        Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
20 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
21 allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A  
22 of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect  
23 of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license  
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1 from possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places  
2 described in this subsection.

3 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
4 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any  
5 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a  
6 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,  
7 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
8 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
9 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle  
10 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or  
11 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school  
12 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on  
13 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private  
14 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from  
15 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall  
16 not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers'  
17 Compensation Act.

18 D. Any person violating the provisions paragraph 2 or 3 of  
19 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
20 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
21 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of  
22 subsection A may be denied entrance onto the property or removed  
23 from the property. If the person refuses to leave the property and  
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1 a peace officer is summoned, the person may be issued a citation for  
2 an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

3 E. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
4 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be  
5 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university  
6 or technology center school property, except as provided in this  
7 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property  
8 shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid  
9 handgun license:

10 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
11 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is  
12 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed  
13 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or  
14 university president or technology center school administrator while  
15 the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center  
16 school property;

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

19 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the  
20 college or university president or technology center school  
21 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the  
22 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university  
23 or technology center school property.

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

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

21       F. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace  
22 officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the  
23 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges,  
24 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid

1 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
2 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the  
3 Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this  
4 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the  
5 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms  
6 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the  
7 course and scope of employment.

8 G. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
9 automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
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