

# An Act

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An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1272, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 68, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1272), which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms; adding exception to certain prohibited act; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1277), which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms in certain places; expanding scope of crime to include certain persons and certain weapons; updating handgun references; clarifying construing provision related to the possession of firearms on certain property; expanding scope of certain prohibited act on university property; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1283, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1283), which relates to penalties for unlawfully carrying firearms by convicted felons and delinquents; making certain act unlawful; providing penalties; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1289.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 2016, 1289.7, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1289.13, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012, 1289.13A, as amended by Section 19,

Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 and 1289.24, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Sections 1289.6, 1289.7, 1289.13, 1289.13A and 1289.24), which relate to the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971; clarifying manner by which firearms may be lawfully carried; adding condition that allows for firearms to be lawfully carried; deleting certain conditions related to the carrying of unloaded firearms; clarifying manner by which firearms may be transported in motor vehicles; deleting certain definition; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; deleting statutory references and references to certain act; clarifying scope of certain prohibited act; modifying statutory reference; expanding scope of certain prohibited act; making issuance of citation discretionary; modifying firearm confiscation requirements; changing statutory reference in state preemption requirements; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Sections 1290.1, 1290.7, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013, 1290.8, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 68, O.S.L. 2018 and 1290.22, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Sections 1290.7, 1290.8 and 1290.22), which relate to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act; updating statutory references; providing construing provision related to the carrying of handguns or pistols without a handgun license; deleting penalty for certain prohibited act; clarifying firearm notification requirements; making penalty for certain prohibited act discretionary; clarifying scope of certain prohibited act; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.24, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1290.24), which relates to governmental immunity; modifying conditions for immunity; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Weapons

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1272, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 68, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1272), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1272.

UNLAWFUL CARRY

A. ~~It~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry upon or about his or her person, or in a purse or other container belonging to the person, any pistol, revolver, shotgun or rifle whether loaded or unloaded or any blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, metal knuckles, or any other offensive weapon, whether such weapon be concealed or unconcealed, except this section shall not prohibit:

1. The proper use of guns and knives for self-defense, hunting, fishing, educational or recreational purposes;

2. The carrying or use of weapons in a manner otherwise permitted by statute or authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;

3. The carrying, possession and use of any weapon by a peace officer or other person authorized by law to carry a weapon in the performance of official duties and in compliance with the rules of the employing agency;

4. The carrying or use of weapons in a courthouse by a district judge, associate district judge or special district judge within this state, who is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose name appears on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts; ~~or~~

5. The carrying and use of firearms and other weapons provided in this subsection when used for the purpose of living history reenactment. For purposes of this paragraph, "living history reenactment" means depiction of historical characters, scenes, historical life or events for entertainment, education, or historical documentation through the wearing or use of period, historical, antique or vintage clothing, accessories, firearms, weapons, and other implements of the historical period; or

6. The carrying of a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded, by a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or

older or by a person who is eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the person is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard or was discharged under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces, Reserves or National Guard, and the person is otherwise not disqualified from the possession or purchase of a firearm under state or federal law and is not carrying the firearm in furtherance of a crime.

Except as provided in subsection B of Section 1283 of this title, a person who has been convicted of any one of the following offenses in this state or a violation of the equivalent law of another state:

- a. assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of Section 644 of this title which caused serious physical injury to the victim,
- b. aggravated assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of Section 646 of this title,
- c. assault and battery that qualifies as domestic abuse as defined in Section 644 of this title,
- d. stalking pursuant to the provisions of Section 1173 of this title,
- e. a violation of an order issued under the Protection from Domestic Abuse Act or a domestic abuse protection order issued by another state, or
- f. a violation relating to illegal drug use or possession under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act,

shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm under the provisions of this paragraph. Any person who carries a firearm in the manner provided for in this paragraph shall be prohibited from carrying the firearm into any of the places prohibited in subsection A of Section 1277 of this title or any other place currently prohibited by law. Nothing in this section shall modify or otherwise change where a person may legally carry a firearm.

B. Any person convicted of violating the foregoing provision shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section 1276 of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 247, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1277.

#### UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a 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. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

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

3. Any public or private elementary or public or private secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this section;

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

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

6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license ~~from or otherwise in lawful possession of a handgun allowable under such license in places~~ firearm from carrying or possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on

private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section, a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school personnel specifically designated by the board of education, provided such personnel either:

1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

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

F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles shall be authorized to carry the ~~handgun~~ firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles into or upon any college, university or technology center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be construed as ~~prohibited for persons having a valid handgun license~~ to be college, university or technology center school property:

1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the ~~handgun~~ firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles is carried or stored as required by law and the ~~handgun~~ firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles is not removed from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator while the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center school property;

2. Any property authorized for possession or use of ~~handguns~~ firearms, machetes, blackjacks, loaded canes, hand chains or metal knuckles by college, university or technology center school policy; and

3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the college or university president or technology center school administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the ~~handgun~~ firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university or technology center school property.

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

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any college, university or technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles from possession of a ~~handgun allowable under such license~~ firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university or technology center school in this state from taking administrative

action against any student for any violation of any provision of this subsection.

G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the following:

1. Any peace officer or any person authorized by law to carry a ~~pistol~~ firearm in the course of employment;

2. District judges, associate district judges and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouses of this state;

3. Private investigators with a firearms authorization when acting in the course and scope of employment;

4. Elected officials of a county, who are in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed handgun when acting in the performance of their duties within the courthouses of the county in which he or she was elected. The provisions of this paragraph shall not allow the elected county official to carry the handgun into a courtroom;

5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouses in the county in which the person is employed. Nothing in this act shall prohibit the sheriff from requiring additional instruction or training before receiving authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse. The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail or any other prisoner detention area; and

6. The board of county commissioners of any county may authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the

course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds surrounding the county courthouse.

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

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1283, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 179, O.S.L. 2014 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1283), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1283.

#### CONVICTED FELONS AND DELINQUENTS

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, it shall be unlawful for any person convicted of any felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States to have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control, or in any vehicle which the person is operating, or in which the person is riding as a passenger, or at the residence where the convicted person resides, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, or any other dangerous or deadly firearm.

B. Any person who has previously been convicted of a nonviolent felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States, and who has received a full and complete pardon from the proper authority and has not been convicted of any other felony offense which has not been pardoned, shall have restored the right to possess any firearm or other weapon prohibited by subsection A of this section, the right to apply for and carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or as otherwise permitted by law, and the right to perform the duties of a peace officer, gunsmith, ~~or~~ and for firearms repair.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person serving a term of probation for any felony in any court of this state or of another state or of the United States or under the jurisdiction of any alternative court program to have in his or her possession or under his or her immediate control, or at his or her residence, or in any passenger vehicle which the person is operating or is riding as a passenger, any pistol, shotgun or rifle, including any imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, shotgun or rifle, while such person is subject to supervision, probation, parole or inmate status.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person previously adjudicated as a delinquent child or a youthful offender for the commission of an offense, which would have constituted a felony offense if committed by an adult, to have in the possession of the person or under the immediate control of the person, or have in any vehicle which he or she is driving or in which the person is riding as a passenger, or at the residence of the person, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, machine gun, sawed-off shotgun or rifle, or any other dangerous or deadly firearm within ten (10) years after such adjudication; provided, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the placement of the person in a home with a full-time duly appointed peace officer who is certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. It shall be unlawful for any person who is an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States to have in the possession of the person or under the immediate control of the person, or in any vehicle the person is operating, or at the residence where the person resides, any pistol, imitation or homemade pistol, altered air or toy pistol, shotgun, rifle or any other dangerous or deadly firearm; provided, that nothing in this subsection applies to prohibit the transport or detention of the person by law enforcement officers or federal immigration authorities. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

F. Any person having been issued a handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and who thereafter knowingly or intentionally allows a convicted felon or adjudicated delinquent or a youthful offender as prohibited by the provisions of subsection A, C, or D of this section to possess or have control of any pistol authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). In addition, the person shall have the handgun license revoked by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation after a hearing and determination that the person has violated the provisions of this section.

~~F.~~ G. Any convicted or adjudicated person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a felony punishable as provided in Section 1284 of this title.

~~G.~~ H. For purposes of this section, "sawed-off shotgun or rifle" shall mean any shotgun or rifle which has been shortened to any length.

~~H.~~ I. For purposes of this section, "altered toy pistol" shall mean any toy weapon which has been altered from its original manufactured state to resemble a real weapon.

~~I.~~ J. For purposes of this section, "altered air pistol" shall mean any air pistol manufactured to propel projectiles by air pressure which has been altered from its original manufactured state.

~~J.~~ K. For purposes of this section, "alternative court program" shall mean any drug court, Anna McBride or mental health court, DUI court or veterans court.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.6, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1289.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.6

#### CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FIREARMS MAY BE CARRIED

A. A person shall be permitted to carry loaded and unloaded shotguns, rifles and pistols, ~~open and not concealed~~ and without a handgun license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act pursuant to the following conditions:

1. When hunting animals or fowl;

2. During competition in or practicing in a safety or hunter safety class, target shooting, skeet, trap or other recognized sporting events;

3. During participation in or in preparation for a military function of the state military forces to be defined as the Oklahoma Army or Air National Guard, ~~Federal Military Reserve~~ federal military reserve and active military forces. It is further provided that Oklahoma Army or Air National Guard personnel with proper authorization and performing a military function may carry loaded or unloaded and concealed weapons on Oklahoma Military Department

facilities in accordance with rules promulgated by the Adjutant General;

4. During participation in or in preparation for a recognized police function of either a municipal, county or state government as functioning police officials;

5. During a practice for or a performance for entertainment purposes;

6. As provided for in subsection A of Section 1272 of this title; or

7. For lawful self-defense and self-protection or any other legitimate purpose in or on property that is owned, leased, rented, or otherwise legally controlled by the person; or

7. For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971 or any legislative enactment regarding the use, carrying, ownership and control of firearms.

B. A person shall be permitted to carry unloaded shotguns, rifles and pistols, ~~open and not concealed and~~ without a handgun license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act pursuant to the following conditions:

~~1. When and when going to or from the person's private residence or vehicle or a vehicle in which the person is riding as a passenger to a place designated or authorized for firearms repairs or reconditioning, or for firearms trade, sale, or barter, or gunsmith, or hunting animals or fowl, or hunter safety course, or target shooting, or skeet or trap shooting or any recognized firearms activity or event and while in such places; or~~

~~2. For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971.~~

C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit educational or recreational activities, exhibitions, displays or shows involving the use or display of rifles, shotguns or pistols or other weapons if the activity is approved by the property owner and sponsor of the activity.

SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.7, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1289.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.7

#### FIREARMS IN VEHICLES

A. Any person, except a convicted felon, who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle, shotgun or pistol or handgun, open and loaded or unloaded, at any time. For purposes of this section "open" means the firearm is transported in plain view, in a case designed for carrying firearms, which case is wholly or partially visible, in a gun rack mounted in the vehicle, in an exterior locked compartment or a trunk of a vehicle.

B. Any person, except a convicted felon, who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm may transport in a motor vehicle a rifle or shotgun open or concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or within the interior of the vehicle, provided the rifle or shotgun is not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. The authority to transport a clip or magazine loaded rifle or shotgun shall be transported pursuant to the requirements of Section 1289.13 of this title.

C. Any person who is the operator of a motor vehicle or is a passenger in any motor vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or is otherwise permitted by law to carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and is carrying a handgun or has the handgun in such vehicle, shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee or person permitted by law is in or near the motor vehicle.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person transporting a firearm in a motor vehicle to fail or refuse to identify that the person is in actual possession of a firearm when asked to do so by a law enforcement officer of this state during any arrest, detainment or routine traffic stop. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.13, as amended by Section 18, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1289.13), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.13

TRANSPORTING A LOADED FIREARM

Except as otherwise provided by ~~the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or another provision of law,~~ it shall be unlawful to transport a loaded ~~pistol,~~ rifle or shotgun in a landborne motor vehicle over a public highway or roadway. ~~However, a~~ unless the rifle or shotgun ~~may be~~ is transported clip- or magazine-loaded and, not chamber-loaded ~~when transported,~~ and in an exterior locked compartment of the vehicle or trunk of the vehicle or in the interior compartment of the vehicle ~~notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1289.7 of this title when the person is in possession of a valid handgun license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.~~

Any person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.15 of this title.

Any person who is the operator of a vehicle or is a passenger in any vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and ~~is carrying a handgun or~~ has a handgun ~~or~~ rifle or shotgun in such vehicle shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee is in or near the vehicle.

SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.13A, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1289.13A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.13A

IMPROPER TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1272 or ~~1289.13~~ 1289.7 of this title, any person stopped pursuant to a moving traffic violation who is transporting a loaded pistol in the motor vehicle without a valid handgun license authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or valid license from another state, or in violation of any law related to the carrying or transporting of firearms, whether the loaded firearm is concealed or unconcealed in

the vehicle, ~~shall~~ may be issued a traffic citation in the amount of Seventy Dollars (\$70.00), plus court costs for transporting a firearm improperly. In addition to the traffic citation provided in this section, the person may also be arrested for any other violation of law.

~~B. When the arresting officer determines that a valid handgun license exists, pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or any provision of law from another state, for any person in the stopped vehicle, any firearms permitted to be~~ Any firearm lawfully carried or transported as permitted pursuant to that license state law shall not be confiscated, unless:

1. The person is arrested for violating another provision of law other than a violation of subsection A of this section; provided, however, if the person is never charged with an offense pursuant to this paragraph or if the charges are dismissed or the person is acquitted, the weapon shall be returned to the person; or

2. The officer has probable cause to believe the weapon is:

a. contraband, or

b. a firearm used in the commission of a crime other than a violation of subsection A of this section.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require confiscation of any firearm.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.24, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 241, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1289.24), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.24

#### FIREARM REGULATION - STATE PREEMPTION

A. 1. The State Legislature hereby occupies and preempts the entire field of legislation in this state touching in any way firearms, knives, components, ammunition, and supplies to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance, or regulation by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state. Any existing or future orders, ordinances, or regulations in this field, except as provided for in paragraph 2 of this subsection and subsection C of this section, are null and void.

2. A municipality may adopt any ordinance:

- a. relating to the discharge of firearms within the jurisdiction of the municipality, and
- b. allowing the municipality to issue a traffic citation for transporting a firearm improperly as provided for in Section 1289.13A of this title, provided, however, that penalties contained for violation of any ordinance enacted pursuant to the provisions of this subparagraph shall not exceed the penalties established in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

3. As provided in the preemption provisions of this section, the otherwise lawful ~~open~~ carrying or possession of a ~~handgun~~ firearm under the provisions of ~~the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act~~ Chapter 53 of this title shall not be punishable by any municipality or other political subdivision of this state as disorderly conduct, disturbing the peace or similar offense against public order.

4. A public or private school may create a policy regulating the possession of knives on school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by the school for purposes of transportation.

B. No municipality or other political subdivision of this state shall adopt any order, ordinance, or regulation concerning in any way the sale, purchase, purchase delay, transfer, ownership, use, keeping, possession, carrying, bearing, transportation, licensing, permit, registration, taxation other than sales and compensating use taxes, or other controls on firearms, knives, components, ammunition, and supplies.

C. Except as hereinafter provided, this section shall not prohibit any order, ordinance, or regulation by any municipality concerning the confiscation of property used in violation of the ordinances of the municipality as provided for in Section 28-121 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Provided, however, no municipal ordinance relating to transporting a firearm or knife improperly may include a provision for confiscation of property.

D. When a person's rights pursuant to the protection of the preemption provisions of this section have been violated, the person shall have the right to bring a civil action against the persons,

municipality, and political subdivision jointly and severally for injunctive relief or monetary damages or both.

SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.1

#### SHORT TITLE

Sections ~~1~~ 1290.1 through ~~25~~ 1290.27 of this ~~act~~ title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Self-Defense Act".

SECTION 10. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.7, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1290.7), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.7

#### CONSTRUING AUTHORITY OF LICENSE

A. The authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to a valid handgun license as authorized by the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to authorize any person to:

1. Carry or possess any weapon other than an authorized pistol as defined by the provisions of Section 1290.2 of this title;

2. Carry or possess any pistol in any manner or in any place otherwise prohibited by law;

3. Carry or possess any prohibited ammunition or any illegal, imitation or homemade pistol;

4. Carry or possess any pistol when the person is prohibited by state or federal law from carrying or possessing any firearm; or

5. Point, discharge or use the pistol in any manner not otherwise authorized by law.

B. The availability of a license to carry pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not be construed to prohibit the lawful transport or carrying of a handgun or pistol in a vehicle or on or about the person whether concealed or

unconcealed, loaded or unloaded, and without a valid handgun license as permitted by law.

SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.8, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 68, O.S.L. 2018 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1290.8), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.8

POSSESSION OF LICENSE REQUIRED

NOTIFICATION TO POLICE OF GUN

A. Except as otherwise prohibited by law, an eligible person shall have authority to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun in this state when:

1. The person has been issued a handgun license from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided the person is in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, and the license has not expired or been subsequently suspended or revoked;  
or

2. The person is twenty-one (21) years of age or older, and is either:

a. active military, or

b. a member of the Reserve or National Guard to include Drill Status Guard and Reserve, Active Guard Reserves or Military Technicians,

and presents a valid military identification card that shall be considered a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

B. A person in possession of a valid handgun license or who meets the criteria and presents a valid military identification card as provided for in this section and in compliance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be authorized to carry such concealed or unconcealed handgun while scouting as it relates to hunting or fishing or while hunting or fishing.

C. The person shall be required to have possession of his or her valid handgun license or valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section and a valid Oklahoma driver license or an Oklahoma State photo identification at all times when in possession of an authorized pistol. The person shall display the handgun license or a valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section on demand of a law enforcement officer; provided, however, that in the absence of reasonable and articulable suspicion of other criminal activity, an individual carrying an unconcealed or concealed handgun shall not be disarmed or physically restrained unless the individual fails to display a valid handgun license or a valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section in response to that demand. Any violation of the provisions of this subsection may be punishable as a criminal offense as authorized by Section 1272 of this title or pursuant to any other applicable provision of law. ~~Any second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be grounds for the Bureau to suspend the handgun license for a period of six (6) months, in addition to any other penalty imposed.~~

Upon the arrest of any person for a violation of the provisions of this subsection, the person may show proof to the court that a valid handgun license and the other required identification has been issued to such person and the person may state any reason why the handgun license, a valid military identification card as provided for qualified persons in this section or the other required identification was not carried by the person as required by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act. The court shall dismiss an alleged violation of Section 1272 of this title upon payment of court costs, if proof of a valid handgun license and other required identification is shown to the court within ten (10) days of the arrest of the person. The court shall report a dismissal of a charge to the Bureau for consideration of administrative proceedings against the licensee.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to fail or refuse to identify the fact that the person is in actual possession of a concealed or unconcealed ~~handgun~~ firearm pursuant to the authority of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act ~~when the person comes into contact with any law enforcement officer of this state or its political subdivisions or a federal law enforcement officer during the course of any arrest, detainment, or routine traffic stop. Said identification to the law enforcement officer shall be made at~~ required upon the first opportunity demand of the law enforcement

officer. No person shall be required to identify himself or herself as a handgun licensee or as lawfully in possession of any other firearm if the law enforcement officer does not demand the information. No person shall be required to identify himself or herself as a handgun licensee when no handgun is in the possession of the person or in any vehicle in which the person is driving or is a passenger. Any ~~violation~~ violation of the provisions of this subsection ~~shall, upon conviction, may be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine~~ issued a citation for an amount not exceeding One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

E. Any law enforcement officer coming in contact with a person whose handgun license is suspended, revoked, or expired, or who is in possession of a handgun license which has not been lawfully issued to that person, shall confiscate the license and return it to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for appropriate administrative proceedings against the licensee when the license is no longer needed as evidence in any criminal proceeding.

F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize a law enforcement officer to inspect any weapon properly concealed or unconcealed without probable cause that a crime has been committed.

SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.22, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 358, O.S.L. 2017 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1290.22), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.22

#### BUSINESS OWNER'S RIGHTS

A. Except as provided in subsections B, C and D of this section, nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be construed to limit, restrict or prohibit in any manner the existing rights of any person, property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity to control the possession of weapons on any property owned or controlled by the person or business entity.

B. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, holder of an event permit, place of worship or business entity shall be permitted to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person, except a convicted felon, from transporting and storing firearms in a locked vehicle on any property set aside for any vehicle.

C. A property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity may prohibit any person from carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm on the property. If the building or property is open to the public, the property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity shall post signs on or about the property stating such prohibition.

D. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, holder of an event permit, place of worship or business entity shall be permitted to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person from carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm on property within the specific exclusion provided for in paragraph 4 of subsection B of Section 1277 of this title; provided that carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm may be prohibited in the following places:

1. The portion of a public property structure or building during an event authorized by the city, town, county, state or federal governmental authority owning or controlling such building or structure;

2. Any public property sports field, including any adjacent seating or adjacent area set aside for viewing a sporting event, where an elementary or secondary school, collegiate, or professional sporting event or an International Olympic Committee or organization or any committee subordinate to the International Olympic Committee event is being held;

3. The fairgrounds during the Oklahoma State Fair or the Tulsa State Fair; and

4. The portion of a public property structure or building that is leased or under contract to a business or not-for-profit entity or group for offices.

E. The otherwise lawful carrying of a concealed or unconcealed firearm by a person ~~who has been issued a handgun license~~ on property that has signs prohibiting the carrying of firearms shall ~~not be deemed a criminal act but may~~ subject the person to being denied entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the person ~~refuses~~ refuses:

1. Has been informed by the property owner, business entity or manager of the business that the person is in violation of a policy that prohibits firearms on the property; and

2. Refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned,

the person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) be punished as provided in Section 1276 of this title.

F. A person, property owner, tenant, employer, holder of an event permit, place of worship or business entity that does or does not prohibit any individual, except a convicted felon, from carrying a loaded or unloaded, concealed or unconcealed weapon on property that the person, property owner, tenant, employer, holder of an event permit, place of worship or business entity owns, or has legal control of, is immune from any liability arising from that decision. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, an employer who does or does not prohibit ~~their~~ his or her employees from carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon is immune from any liability arising from that decision. A person, property owner, tenant, employer, holder of an event permit, place of worship or business entity that does not prohibit persons from carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon pursuant to subsection D of this section shall be immune from any liability arising from the carrying of a concealed or unconcealed weapon, while in the scope of employment, on the property or in or about a business entity vehicle. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

G. It shall not be considered part of an employee's job description or within the employee's scope of employment if an employee is allowed to carry or discharge a weapon pursuant to this section.

H. Nothing in subsections F and G of this section shall prevent an employer, employee or person who has suffered loss resulting from the discharge of a weapon to seek redress or damages of the person who discharged the weapon or used the weapon outside the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.24, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter 18, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1290.24), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1290.24

IMMUNITY

A. The state or any political subdivision of the state, as defined in Section 152 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and its officers, agents and employees shall be immune from liability resulting or arising from:

1. Failure to prevent the licensing of an individual for whom the receipt of the license is unlawful pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or any other provision of law of this state;

2. Any action or misconduct with a ~~pistol~~ firearm committed by a person ~~to whom a license to carry a concealed or unconcealed handgun has been issued~~ pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or by any person who obtains a ~~pistol from a licensee~~ firearm;

3. Any injury to any person during a handgun training course conducted by a firearms instructor certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training under the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or injury from any misfire or malfunction of any handgun on a training course firing range supervised by a certified firearms instructor under the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, or any injury resulting from carrying a concealed or unconcealed handgun pursuant to a handgun license; and

4. Any action or finding pursuant to a hearing conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act as required in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

B. Firearms instructors certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training to conduct training for the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be immune from liability to third persons resulting or arising from any claim based on an act or omission of a trainee.

C. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of February, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 2019.

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