

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 1281

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1289.16, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 261, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1289.16), which relates to felony pointing firearms; modifying scope to which lawful pointing applies; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1289.16, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 261, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1289.16), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1289.16.

FELONY POINTING FIREARMS

A. It shall be lawful to point a firearm, knife, or any other deadly weapon at another person or persons by:

1. A person who can legally own or possess a weapon pursuant to the provisions of Section 1272 of this title:

a. during an act of self-defense, or

b. in defense of real or private property, whether owned, leased, or occupied by permission of the property

owner and whether or not the person possesses a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;

2. A person in the defensive display of a firearm or other deadly weapon, as provided for in Section 1289.25 of this title;

3. Law enforcement authorities in the performance of their duties;

4. Armed security guards licensed by the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training pursuant to the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act in the performance of their duties;

5. Members of the state military forces in the performance of their duties;

6. Members of the federal military reserve and active military components in the performance of their duties;

7. Any federal government law enforcement officer in the performance of any duty; ~~or~~

8. Any person during the performance of a play on stage, while participating in a rodeo, or when participating in a television program or film project; or

9. A person in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and without lawful cause point a firearm, knife, or any other deadly weapon,

1 whether loaded or not, at any person or persons for the purpose of
2 threatening or with the intention of discharging the firearm or with
3 any malice or for any purpose of injuring, either through physical
4 injury or mental or emotional intimidation, or for purposes of
5 whimsy, humor, or prank, or in anger or otherwise.

6 C. Any person convicted of a violation of the provisions of
7 this section shall be punished as provided in Section 1289.17 of
8 this title.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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