

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1527

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1277), which relates to unlawful carry; authorizing certain carry in certain places; conforming language; repealing 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 70, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1277), which relates to unlawful carry; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 251, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025, 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 firearm into any of the following places:

1        1. Any building or office space which is owned or leased by a  
2 city, town, county, or state governmental authority for the purpose  
3 of conducting business with the public. However, the governing body  
4 of a city or town may authorize the concealed carry of handguns into  
5 any building or office space that is owned or leased by a city or  
6 town, except those places listed in paragraph 2 of this subsection;

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

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

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

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

19        6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law; and

20        7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust  
21 with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental  
22 authority for an event that is secured with minimum security  
23 provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a minimum security  
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1 provision consists of a location that is secured utilizing the  
2 following:

- 3 a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight  
4 (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and  
5 is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized  
6 entry,
- 7 b. controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,  
8 commissioned peace officer, and
- 9 c. a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise  
10 travel with their property through or by the metal  
11 detector.

12 B. It shall be lawful for a person to carry a concealed or  
13 unconcealed firearm on the following properties:

- 14 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
15 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county, or  
16 state governmental authority;
- 17 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
18 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the  
19 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;
- 20 3. Any property adjacent to a building or office space in which  
21 concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by the provisions of  
22 this section;
- 23 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county, or state  
24 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, wildlife  
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1 refuge, wildlife management area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing  
2 in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a  
3 person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm into any  
4 building, office space, or event which is specifically prohibited by  
5 the provisions of subsection A of this section;

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

11 6. Any public property set aside temporarily by a county, city,  
12 town, public trust with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or  
13 state governmental authority for the holder of an event permit that  
14 is without minimum security provisions, as such term is defined in  
15 paragraph 7 of subsection A of this section; provided, the carry of  
16 firearms within the permitted event area shall be limited to  
17 concealed carry of a handgun unless otherwise authorized by the  
18 holder of the event permit.

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 or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or  
2 possessing the firearm on the property 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 a vehicle used by the  
14 private school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries  
15 arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this  
16 subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative  
17 Workers' Compensation Act.

18 D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,  
19 a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy  
20 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to  
21 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school  
22 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,  
23 provided such personnel either:  
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1        1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
2 in the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act; or

3        2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
4 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

7        E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this  
8 section, on any property designated as a municipal zoo or park of  
9 any size that is owned, leased, operated, or managed by:

10       1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section  
11 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

12       2. A nonprofit entity,  
13 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed or unconcealed  
14 handgun ~~but not openly carry a handgun on the property.~~

15       F. Any person violating the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of  
16 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
17 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
18 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of  
19 subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the  
20 property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to  
21 leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may  
22 be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
23 Dollars (\$250.00).  
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1       G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
2 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who  
3 is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by  
4 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,  
5 loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles shall be authorized to  
6 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or  
7 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university, or technology  
8 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For  
9 purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be  
10 construed to be college, university, or technology center school  
11 property:

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

21       2. Any property authorized for possession or use of firearms,  
22 machetes, blackjacks, loaded canes, hand chains, or metal knuckles  
23 by college, university, or technology center school policy; and  
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1       3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the  
2 college or university president or technology center school  
3 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the  
4 firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal  
5 knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university,  
6 or technology center school property.

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

16       Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
17 construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or  
18 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has  
19 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a  
20 handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm,  
21 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles from  
22 possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand  
23 chain, or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2, and  
24 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this



1 subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college,  
2 university, or technology center school in this state from taking  
3 administrative action against any student for any violation of any  
4 provision of this subsection.

5 H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the  
6 following:

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

9 2. Any district judge, associate district judge, ~~or~~ special  
10 district judge, Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, Judge of the  
11 Court of Criminal Appeals, or Justice of the Supreme Court who is in  
12 possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the  
13 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose name appears  
14 on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts,  
15 when acting in the course and scope of employment within the  
16 courthouses of the county that falls within the jurisdiction of the  
17 district judge, associate district judge, ~~or~~ special district judge,  
18 Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals, Judge of the Court of Criminal  
19 Appeals, or Justice of the Supreme Court;

20 3. Any private investigator with a firearms authorization when  
21 acting in the course and scope of employment;

22 4. Any elected official of a county, who is in possession of a  
23 valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the  
24 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed handgun when acting

1 in the performance of his or her duties within the courthouses of  
2 the county in which he or she was elected. The provisions of this  
3 paragraph shall not allow the elected county official to carry the  
4 handgun into a courtroom;

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

17 6. The board of county commissioners of any county may  
18 authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid  
19 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
20 Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the  
21 course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds  
22 surrounding the county courthouse that fall within the jurisdiction  
23 of the county employees; and  
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1       7. Any municipal judge, who is in possession of a valid handgun  
2 license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-  
3 Defense Act, when acting in the course and scope of employment  
4 within the courthouses of the municipality that are within the  
5 jurisdiction of the municipal judge.

6       I. 1. Any elected official of a municipality or any municipal  
7 employee approved by the governing body of a municipality, who  
8 possesses a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions  
9 of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed handgun when  
10 acting in the performance of his or her official duties within  
11 municipal buildings that are within the jurisdiction of the elected  
12 official or municipal employee.

13       2. For purposes of this subsection, a firearm may not be  
14 present inside a firearm-prohibited location, which shall include:

15           a. any building or office space on municipally owned or  
16 leased property designated as a firearm-prohibited  
17 location by the municipality, municipal trust, or  
18 municipal authority, and

19           b. any police department, courthouse, courtroom, prison,  
20 jail, detention facility, or any facility used to  
21 process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners,  
22 or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated  
23 delinquent.

1        3. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to require an  
2 elected official or designated employee of the municipality to carry  
3 a firearm as a condition of employment or service with the  
4 municipality.

5        J. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
6 automobile, truck, minivan, sport utility vehicle, or motorcycle, as  
7 defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
8 equipped with a locked accessory container within or affixed to the  
9 motorcycle.

10        SECTION 2.        REPEALER        21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, as  
11 amended by Section 1, Chapter 70, O.S.L. 2025 (21 O.S. Supp. 2025,  
12 Section 1277), is hereby repealed.

13        SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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