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SENATE BILL 1689

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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 in certain places; modifying scope of certain prohibited act; providing an exception; prohibiting the carry of firearms into certain places; removing construing provisions; authorizing the concealed carry of handguns into certain buildings and fairgrounds; authorizing event holders to allow for the open carry of lawful firearms during certain events; 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; provided, however, the provisions of this paragraph
24 shall not apply to and shall not specifically exclude events held on

1 the fairgrounds and in buildings on the fairgrounds that are open to
2 the general public during the Oklahoma State Fair or the Tulsa State
3 Fair. For purposes of this paragraph, a minimum security provision
4 consists of a location that is secured utilizing the following:

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

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

- 16 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
17 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county, or
18 state governmental authority;
- 19 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
20 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the
21 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;
- 22 3. Any property adjacent to a building or office space in which
23 concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by the provisions of
24 this section;

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

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

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

22 7. The fairgrounds and buildings of the fairgrounds that are
23 open to the general public during the Oklahoma State Fair or the
24 Tulsa State Fair; provided, the handgun is carried in a concealed
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1 manner. The event holder shall be authorized to allow for the open
2 carry of all lawful firearms during the Oklahoma State Fair or the
3 Tulsa State Fair.

4 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or
5 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or
6 allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A
7 of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect
8 of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license
9 or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or
10 possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

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

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

9 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for
10 in the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act; or

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

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

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

18 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
19 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

20 2. A nonprofit entity,
21 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not
22 openly carry a handgun on the property.

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

8 G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued
9 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who
10 is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by
11 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,
12 loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles shall be authorized to
13 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or
14 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university, or technology
15 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For
16 purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be
17 construed to be college, university, or technology center school
18 property:

19 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor
20 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the firearm,
21 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles are
22 carried or stored as required by law and the firearm, machete,
23 blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles are not
24 removed from the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the

1 college or university president or technology center school
2 administrator while the vehicle is on any college, university, or
3 technology center school property;

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

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

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

22 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be
23 construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or
24 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has

1 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a
2 handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm,
3 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles from
4 possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand
5 chain, or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2, and
6 3 of this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this
7 subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college,
8 university, or technology center school in this state from taking
9 administrative action against any student for any violation of any
10 provision of this subsection.

11 H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
12 following:

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

15 2. Any district judge, associate district judge, or special
16 district judge, who is in possession of a valid handgun license
17 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act
18 and whose name appears on a list maintained by the Administrative
19 Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of
20 employment within the courthouses of the county that falls within
21 the jurisdiction of the district judge, associate district judge, or
22 special district judge;

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

1 4. Any elected official of a county, who is in possession of a
2 valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the
3 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed handgun when acting
4 in the performance of his or her duties within the courthouses of
5 the county in which he or she was elected. The provisions of this
6 paragraph shall not allow the elected county official to carry the
7 handgun into a courtroom;

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

20 6. The board of county commissioners of any county may
21 authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid
22 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma
23 Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the
24 course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds
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1 surrounding the county courthouse that fall within the jurisdiction
2 of the county employees; and

3 7. Any municipal judge, who is in possession of a valid handgun
4 license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-
5 Defense Act, when acting in the course and scope of employment
6 within the courthouses of the municipality that are within the
7 jurisdiction of the municipal judge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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