

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1698

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Sections 1272 and 1290.9, which relate to unlawful carry and eligibility; expanding certain eligibility; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1272, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1272.

UNLAWFUL CARRY

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

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

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

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

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

23 6. The transporting by vehicle on a public roadway or the
24 carrying of a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded,

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

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

- 14 a. assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of
15 Section 644 of this title which caused serious
16 physical injury to the victim,
- 17 b. aggravated assault and battery pursuant to the
18 provisions of Section 646 of this title,
- 19 c. assault and battery that qualifies as domestic abuse
20 as defined in Section 644 of this title,
- 21 d. stalking pursuant to the provisions of Section 1173 of
22 this title,

1 e. a violation of an order issued under the Protection
2 from Domestic Abuse Act or a domestic abuse protection
3 order issued by another state, or

4 f. a violation relating to illegal drug use or possession
5 under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled
6 Dangerous Substances Act,

7 shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm under the provisions of
8 this paragraph. Any person who carries a firearm in the manner
9 provided for in this paragraph shall be prohibited from carrying the
10 firearm into any of the places prohibited in subsection A of Section
11 1277 of this title or any other place currently prohibited by law.
12 Nothing in this section shall modify or otherwise change where a
13 person may legally carry a firearm.

14 B. Any person convicted of violating the foregoing provision
15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section
16 1276 of this title.

17 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.9, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1290.9.

20 ELIGIBILITY

21 The following requirements shall apply to any person making
22 application to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for a
23 handgun license pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-
24 Defense Act. The person must:

1 1. Be a citizen of the United States with established residency
2 in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state; or

3 2. Be a lawful permanent resident in the United States and have
4 established residency in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state.

5 For purposes of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act:

- 6 a. the term "residency" shall apply to any person who
7 either possesses a valid Oklahoma driver license or
8 state photo identification card, and physically
9 maintains a residence in this state or to any person,
10 including the spouse of such person, who has permanent
11 military orders within this state and possesses a
12 valid driver license from another state where such
13 person and spouse of such person claim residency, and
14 b. the term "lawful permanent resident" shall mean a
15 noncitizen who is lawfully authorized to live
16 permanently within the United States;

17 3. Be at least:

- 18 ~~a. twenty-one (21) years of age, or~~
19 ~~b. eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21)~~
20 ~~years of age and the person is a member or veteran of~~
21 ~~the United States Armed Forces, the Reserves or~~
22 ~~National Guard, or the person was discharged under~~
23 ~~honorable conditions from the United States Armed~~
24 ~~Forces, Reserves or National Guard;~~

1 4. Complete a firearms safety and training course and
2 demonstrate competence and ~~qualifications~~ qualification with the
3 type of pistol to be carried by the person as provided in Section
4 1290.14 of this title, and submit proof of training and
5 qualification or an exemption for training and qualification as
6 authorized by Section 1290.14 of this title;

7 5. Submit the required fee and complete the application process
8 as provided in Section 1290.12 of this title; and

9 6. Comply in good faith with the provisions of the Oklahoma
10 Self-Defense Act.

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

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