

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 8, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 2009

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6 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,  
7 Section 1277, which relates to unlawful carry;  
8 providing certain authorization to approved employees  
of a public trust hospital; and providing an  
effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1277.

16 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

17 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a person in  
18 possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the  
19 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed  
20 or unconcealed firearm into any of the following places:

21 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
22 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental  
23 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

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

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

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

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

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

14       7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust  
15 with a county, city or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental  
16 authority for an event that is secured with minimum-security  
17 provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a minimum-security  
18 provision consists of a location that is secured utilizing the  
19 following:

20           a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight  
21                (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and  
22                is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized  
23                entry,

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1           b.    controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,  
2                    commissioned peace officer, and

3           c.    a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise  
4                    travel with their property through or by the metal  
5                    detector.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14           Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
15 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
16 allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A  
17 of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect  
18 of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license  
19 or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or  
20 possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

21           C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
22 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any  
23 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a  
24 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,

1 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
2 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
3 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle  
4 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or  
5 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school  
6 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on  
7 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private  
8 school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries arising  
9 from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection  
10 shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers'  
11 Compensation Act.

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

18 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
19 in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

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

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

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

4 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section  
5 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

6 2. A nonprofit entity,  
7 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not  
8 openly carry a handgun on the property.

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

18 G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
19 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who  
20 is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by  
21 law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,  
22 loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles shall be authorized to  
23 carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or  
24 metal knuckles into or upon any college, university or technology

1 center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For  
2 purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be  
3 construed to be college, university or technology center school  
4 property:

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

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

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

23 The college, university or technology center school may notify  
24 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a

1 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon  
2 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall  
3 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the  
4 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any  
5 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an  
6 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may  
7 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

8       Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
9 construed to authorize or allow any college, university or  
10 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has  
11 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a  
12 handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm,  
13 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles from  
14 possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain  
15 or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of  
16 this subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this  
17 subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any college,  
18 university or technology center school in this state from taking  
19 administrative action against any student for any violation of any  
20 provision of this subsection.

21       H. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the  
22 following:

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



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

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

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

16           5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of  
17 the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to  
18 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a  
19 concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment  
20 within the courthouse in the county in which the person is employed.  
21 Nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall prohibit the sheriff  
22 from requiring additional instruction or training before granting  
23 authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse.  
24 The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this

1 subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun  
2 into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail or any  
3 other prisoner detention area; ~~and~~

4 6. The board of county commissioners of any county may  
5 authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid  
6 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
7 Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the  
8 course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds  
9 surrounding the county courthouse; and

10 7. If authorized by the governing board of a public trust  
11 hospital, the chief executive officer of the public trust hospital  
12 may authorize certain employees of the public trust hospital who  
13 possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of  
14 the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a concealed handgun while  
15 working in such public trust hospital or in any of the satellite  
16 locations of the public trust hospital, including but not limited to  
17 clinics, pharmacies, therapy locations, product sales locations, or  
18 other facilities owned, leased, or otherwise managed by the public  
19 trust hospital.

20 I. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
21 automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, or motorcycle,  
22 as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
23 equipped with a locked accessory container within or affixed to the  
24 motorcycle.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
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