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3 SENATE BILL 768

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,
8 Sections 1272 and 1277, which relate to unlawful
9 carry of firearms; authorizing licensed first
10 responders to carry while performing official duties;
11 authorizing certain agreements; defining term;
12 excluding voluntary first responders; updating
13 statutory language and references; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

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

18 Section 1272.

19 UNLAWFUL CARRY

20 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be
21 unlawful for any person to carry upon or about his or her person, or
22 in a purse or other container belonging to the person, any pistol,
23 revolver, shotgun, or rifle, whether loaded or unloaded, or any
24 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, possession, and use of a handgun by a first
10 responder who possesses a valid handgun license issued pursuant to
11 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and who is acting in
12 the course and scope of employment and in compliance with the rules
13 of the employing agency on any public or private property in this
14 state. For a first responder to carry, possess, or use a handgun on
15 trust land of a federally recognized Indian tribe, a political
16 subdivision may enter into intergovernmental cooperative agreements
17 with a federally recognized Indian tribe as authorized by Section
18 1221 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Any intergovernmental
19 cooperative agreement entered into between a political subdivision
20 and a federally recognized Indian tribe related to first responder
21 services shall be agreed upon before a first responder carries,
22 possesses, or uses a handgun on such trust land. As provided in
23 this paragraph, "first responder" means a firefighter or licensed
24 emergency medical personnel as defined in Section 1-2503 of Title 63

1 of the Oklahoma Statutes but shall not include a voluntary first
2 responder;

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

9 ~~5.~~ 6. The carrying and use of firearms and other weapons
10 provided in this subsection when used for the purpose of living
11 history reenactment. For purposes of this paragraph, "living
12 history reenactment" means depiction of historical characters,
13 scenes, historical life, or events for entertainment, education, or
14 historical documentation through the wearing or use of period,
15 historical, antique, or vintage clothing, accessories, firearms,
16 weapons, and other implements of the historical period; or

17 ~~6.~~ 7. The transporting by vehicle on a public roadway or the
18 carrying of a firearm, concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded,
19 by a person who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older or by a
20 person who is eighteen (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21)
21 years of age and the person is a member or veteran of the United
22 States Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard or was discharged
23 under honorable conditions from the United States Armed Forces,
24 Reserves, or National Guard, and the person is otherwise not

1 disqualified from the possession or purchase of a firearm under
2 state or federal law and is not carrying the firearm in furtherance
3 of a crime.

4 Except as provided in subsection B of Section 1283 of this
5 title, a person who has been convicted of any one of the following
6 offenses in this state or a violation of the equivalent law of
7 another state:

- 8 a. assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of
9 Section 644 of this title which caused serious
10 physical injury to the victim,
- 11 b. aggravated assault and battery pursuant to the
12 provisions of Section 646 of this title,
- 13 c. assault and battery that qualifies as domestic abuse
14 as defined in Section 644 of this title,
- 15 d. stalking pursuant to the provisions of Section 1173 of
16 this title,
- 17 e. a violation of an order issued under the Protection
18 from Domestic Abuse Act or a domestic abuse protection
19 order issued by another state, or
- 20 f. a violation relating to illegal drug use or possession
21 under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled
22 Dangerous Substances Act,

23 shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm under the provisions of
24 this ~~paragraph~~ subsection. Any person who carries a firearm in the

1 manner provided for in this ~~paragraph~~ subsection shall be prohibited
2 from carrying the firearm into any of the places prohibited in
3 subsection A of Section 1277 of this title or any other place
4 currently prohibited by law. Nothing in this section shall modify
5 or otherwise change where a person may legally carry a firearm.

6 B. Any person convicted of violating the foregoing provision
7 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section
8 1276 of this title.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 1277.

12 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight
16 (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and
17 is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized
18 entry,

19 b. controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,
20 commissioned peace officer, and

21 c. a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise
22 travel with their property through or by the metal
23 detector.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto
17 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any
18 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a
19 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,
20 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the
21 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a
22 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle
23 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or
24 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school

1 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on
2 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private
3 school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries arising
4 from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection
5 shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers'
6 Compensation Act.

7 D. ~~Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,~~
8 a 1. A board of education of a school district may adopt a policy
9 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to
10 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school
11 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,
12 provided such personnel either:

13 ~~1. Possess~~

14 a. possesses a valid armed security guard license as
15 provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of
16 the Oklahoma Statutes, ~~or~~

17 ~~2. Hold~~

18 b. holds a valid reserve peace officer certification as
19 provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the
20 Oklahoma Statutes.

21 2. A first responder, as defined in subparagraph 4 of
22 subsection A of Section 1272 of this title, acting in the course and
23 scope of employment who possesses a valid handgun license issued
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1 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act may
2 openly carry a handgun onto school property.

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

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

8 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section
9 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

10 2. A nonprofit entity,
11 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not
12 openly carry a handgun on the property. A first responder acting in
13 the course and scope of employment who possesses a valid handgun
14 license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-
15 Defense Act may openly carry a handgun onto such property.

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

1 G. ~~No~~ Except for a first responder acting in the course and
2 scope of employment, no person in possession of a valid handgun
3 license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-
4 Defense Act or who is carrying or in possession of a firearm as
5 otherwise permitted by law or who is carrying or in possession of a
6 machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, or metal knuckles shall
7 be authorized to carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane,
8 hand chain, or metal knuckles into or upon any college, university,
9 or technology center school property, except as provided in this
10 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property
11 shall not be construed to be college, university, or technology
12 center school property:

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

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

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

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

17 4. ~~Elected officials~~ An elected official of a county, who ~~are~~
18 is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the
19 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed
20 handgun when acting in the performance of his or her duties within
21 the courthouses of the county in which he or she was elected. The
22 provisions of this paragraph shall not allow the elected county
23 official to carry the handgun into a courtroom;

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

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

19 7. A first responder who possesses a valid handgun license
20 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act
21 who carries a handgun when acting in the course and scope of
22 employment.

23 I. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any
24 automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, or motorcycle,

1 as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
2 equipped with a locked accessory container within or affixed to the
3 motorcycle.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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