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A Bill

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5 By: Representative Ballinger
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF A
9 CONCEALED HANDGUN; TO AMEND § 5-73-122; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE CARRYING AND POSSESSION OF
14 A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND TO AMEND § 5-73-
15 122.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122 is amended to read as follows:*

22 *5-73-122. Carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or*
23 *facilities.*

24 *(a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, ~~and~~ § 5-73-306(5), § 16-21-*
25 *147, and this section, it is unlawful for any person other than a law*
26 *enforcement officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an*
27 *agency of the state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military*
28 *personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or other deadly*
29 *weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol*
30 *grounds.*

31 *(2) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement*
32 *officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the*
33 *state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to*
34 *knowingly carry or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in the*
35 *State Capitol Building or the Justice Building in Little Rock.*

36 *(3) However, this subsection does not apply to a person carrying*



1 or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in a publicly owned building
2 or facility or on the State Capitol grounds:

3 (A) For the purpose of participating in a shooting match
4 or target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the
5 publicly owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds;

6 (B) If necessary to participate in a trade show, exhibit,
7 or educational course conducted in the publicly owned building or facility or
8 on the State Capitol grounds; or

9 (C)(i) If the person has a license to carry a concealed
10 handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his
11 or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked
12 and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

13 (ii)(a) As used in this subdivision (a)(3)(C),
14 "parking lot" means a designated area or structure or part of a structure
15 intended for the parking of motor vehicles or a designated drop-off zone for
16 children at school.

17 (b) "Parking lot" does not include a parking
18 lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Department of
19 Correction or Department of Community Correction.

20 (4) As used in this section, "facility" means a municipally
21 owned or maintained park, football field, baseball field, soccer field, or
22 another similar municipally owned or maintained recreational structure or
23 property.

24 ~~(b)(1) Any person other than~~ However, a law enforcement officer,
25 officer of the court, ~~or bailiff, acting in the line of duty,~~ or any other
26 person authorized by the court, ~~who possesses~~ is permitted to possess a
27 handgun in the courtroom of any court or a courthouse of this state ~~is guilty~~
28 ~~of a Class D felony.~~

29 ~~(2) Otherwise, any~~

30 (c) A person violating a provision of this section upon conviction is
31 guilty of a Class A C misdemeanor.

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33 /s/Ballinger

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35 APPROVED: 04/07/2017