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3 HOUSE BILL 2296

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter  
9 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1277),  
10 which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms in  
11 certain places; authorizing municipal employees to  
12 carry firearms under certain circumstances; and  
13 providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as  
16 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp.  
17 2015, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1277.

19 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

20 A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid  
21 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
22 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into  
23 any of the following places:  
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1           1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
2 leased by a city, town, county, state, or federal governmental  
3 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

4           2. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to  
5 process, hold, or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons  
6 alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent;

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

10          4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event;

11          5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;

12 and

13          6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

14          B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of subsection A  
15 of this section, the prohibited place does not include and  
16 specifically excludes the following property:

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

20           2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
21 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any  
22 professional sporting event which is open to the public for  
23 admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering  
24 authorized by law;

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

4           4. Any property designated by a city, town, county, or state  
5 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds;  
6 provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize  
7 any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed  
8 handgun into any structure, building, or office space which is  
9 specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this  
10 section; and

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

16           Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
17 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
18 allow any person in control of any place described in paragraph 1,  
19 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section to establish any policy  
20 or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful  
21 possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun  
22 allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2,  
23 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection.

1 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
2 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any  
3 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a  
4 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,  
5 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
6 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
7 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle  
8 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or  
9 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school  
10 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on  
11 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private  
12 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from  
13 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall  
14 not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

15 D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,  
16 a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy  
17 pursuant to Section 3 of this act to authorize the carrying of a  
18 handgun onto school property by school personnel specifically  
19 designated by the board of education, provided such personnel  
20 either:

- 21 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
22 in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or
- 23 2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
24 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

3 E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this  
4 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
5 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
6 (\$250.00).

7 F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
8 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be  
9 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college,  
10 university, or technology center school property, except as provided  
11 in this subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following  
12 property shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a  
13 valid handgun license:

14 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
15 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is  
16 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed  
17 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or  
18 university president or technology center school administrator while  
19 the vehicle is on any college, university, or technology center  
20 school property;

21 2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by  
22 college, university, or technology center school policy; and

23 3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the  
24 college or university president or technology center school

1 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the  
2 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university,  
3 or technology center school property.

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

13 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
14 construed to authorize or allow any college, university, or  
15 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has  
16 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a  
17 handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such  
18 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this  
19 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection  
20 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university  
21 or technology center school in this state from taking administrative  
22 action against any student for any violation of any provision of  
23 this subsection.

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1 G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to ~~any~~ the  
2 following:

3 1. Any peace officer or to any person authorized by law to  
4 carry a pistol in the course of employment;;

5 2. District judges, associate district judges and special  
6 district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license  
7 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act  
8 and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative  
9 Director of the Courts, ~~shall be exempt from this section~~ when  
10 acting in the course and scope of employment within the courthouses  
11 of this state-;

12 3. Private investigators with a firearms authorization ~~shall be~~  
13 ~~exempt from this section~~ when acting in the course and scope of  
14 employment; and

15 4. Employees of a municipality, who are in possession of a  
16 valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the  
17 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list  
18 maintained by the governing authority of the municipality, when  
19 acting in the course and scope of employment.

20 H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
21 automobile, truck, minivan or ~~sports~~ sport utility vehicle.  
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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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