

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1104

By: Cleveland

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8 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011,  
9 Section 1277, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter  
10 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1277),  
11 which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms in  
12 certain places; providing an exception for elected  
13 county officials; and 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 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.  
17 2016, 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, except as provided in  
7 Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

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

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

12       5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;  
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14       6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2,  
2 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection.

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

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

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

1           2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
2 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
3 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority  
4 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

5           E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this  
6 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
7 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
8 (\$250.00).

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

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

23           2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by  
24 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 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university  
5 or technology center school property.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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