

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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HOUSE BILL 1503

By: Representatives Rushing, Vaught, M. Gray, Petty, Cozart, Eaves, Henderson, Lemons, Lundstrum, Neal, Speaks, Womack, Brown

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN
BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE IN PUBLIC HOUSING; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED
HANDGUN BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE IN
PUBLIC HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122 is amended to read as follows:

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

(a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, it is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.

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

(3) However, the provisions of this subsection do not apply to:



(A) a person carrying or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in a publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds for the purpose of participating in a shooting match or target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the publicly owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds or if necessary to participate in a trade show, exhibit, or educational course conducted in the publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds; or

(B) A person who has a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in a building operated by a public housing authority.

(4) As used in this section:

(A) "Facility" "Facility" means a municipally owned or maintained park, football field, baseball field, soccer field, or another similar municipally owned or maintained recreational structure or property; and

(B) "Public housing authority" means a housing authority established under § 14-169-207, a regional housing authority established under § 14-169-304, or a consolidated housing authority established under § 14-169-401.

(b)(1) Any person other than a law enforcement officer, officer of the court, or bailiff, acting in the line of duty, or any other person authorized by the court, who possesses a handgun in the courtroom of any court of this state upon conviction is guilty of a Class D felony.

(2) Otherwise, any person violating a provision of this section upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.