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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1864

By: Representative Gates

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND THE SCOPE OF WHERE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY MAY CARRY AND POSSESS A CONCEALED HANDGUN;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND THE SCOPE OF WHERE A MEMBER
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY CARRY AND
POSSESS A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(3), concerning the general prohibition that a person may not possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds, is amended to read as follows:

(3) However, this subsection does not apply to a person carrying or possessing a firearm or other deadly weapon in a publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds:

(A) 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;

(B) 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~~

(C)(i) If the person has a license to carry a concealed



handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

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

(b) “Parking lot” does not include a parking lot owned, maintained, or otherwise controlled by the Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction- or

(D) If the person has a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq., is carrying a concealed handgun, and is a member of the General Assembly, and the publicly owned building or facility is not a prison or detainment facility operated by the Department of Correction or Department of Community Correction.

SECTION 2. The introductory language to Arkansas Code § 5-73-306, concerning the list of places where a person who possesses a license to carry a concealed handgun is prohibited from possessing that handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~No~~ license to carry a concealed handgun issued ~~pursuant to~~ under this subchapter ~~authorizes any~~ does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun into:

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306, concerning the list of places where a person who possesses a license to carry a concealed handgun is prohibited from possessing that handgun, is amended to add a new subsection to read as follows:

(b) Subdivisions (a)(1)-(a)(3) and (a)(5)-(a)(9) of this section do not apply to a licensee who is a member of the General Assembly.