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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1895

By: Representative Gates

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A HANDGUN BY
A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE INSIDE A COURTHOUSE; AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A
HANDGUN BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE
INSIDE A COURTHOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning certain places a concealed carry licensee is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Any courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office unless:

(A) The licensee is either:

(i) Employed by the county; ~~or~~

(ii) A countywide elected official;

(iii) A justice of the peace; or

(iv)(a) Employed by a governmental entity other than the county with an office or place of employment inside the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office.

(b) A licensee is limited to carrying a concealed handgun under subdivision (5)(A)(iii) of this section into the



courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office where the office or place of employment of the governmental entity that employs him or her is located;

(B) The licensee's principal place of employment is within the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office; and

(C) The quorum court by ordinance approves a plan that allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a concealed handgun into the courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings as set out by the local security and emergency preparedness plan;