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A Bill

SENATE BILL 590

By: Senator B. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A WEAPON; REPEALING
THE "JOURNEY" PROVISION FOR HANDGUN AND WEAPONS
OFFENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A WEAPON; AND
REPEALING THE "JOURNEY" PROVISION FOR
HANDGUN AND WEAPONS OFFENSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(e)(7), concerning the journey provision for the offense of possession of a handgun, is repealed.

~~(7) The person is on a journey beyond the county in which the person lives, unless the person is eighteen (18) years of age or less;~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(b), concerning the definitions used in the offense of carrying a weapon, is amended to read as follows:

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Club" means any instrument that is specially designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or death by striking, including a blackjack, billie, and sap;

(2) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel length of less than twelve inches (12") that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with one (1) hand; and

~~(3) "Journey" means travel beyond the county in which a person lives; and~~



~~(4)~~(3) "Knife" means any bladed hand instrument three inches (3") or longer that is capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death by cutting or stabbing, including a dirk, a sword or spear in a cane, a razor, an ice pick, a throwing star, a switchblade, and a butterfly knife.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(c)(4), concerning the journey provision of the offense of carrying a weapon, is repealed.

~~(4) The person is carrying a weapon when upon a journey, unless the journey is through a commercial airport when presenting at the security checkpoint in the airport or is in the person's checked baggage and is not a lawfully declared weapon;~~