

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1843

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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 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 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;

(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 the Department of Community Correction;

(D) If the person has completed the required training and received a concealed carry endorsement under § 5-73-322(g) and the place is not:

(i) A courtroom or the location of an administrative hearing conducted by a state agency, except as permitted by § 5-73-306(5) or § 5-73-306(6);

(ii) A public school kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12), a public prekindergarten, or a public daycare facility, except as permitted under subdivision (a)(3)(C) of this section;

(iii) A facility operated by the Department of Correction or the Department of Community Correction; or

(iv) A posted firearm-sensitive area, as approved by the Department of Arkansas State Police under § 5-73-325, located at:

(a) The Arkansas State Hospital;

(b) The University of Arkansas for Medical

Sciences; or

(c) A collegiate athletic event; ~~or~~

(E) If the person has a license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq., is a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge on the Court of Appeals, and is carrying a concealed handgun in the Arkansas Justice Building; or

(F) If the person is carrying a handgun and is a member of the General Assembly, and the publicly owned building or facility is not a:

(i) Correctional facility operated by the Department

of Correction or Department of Community Correction;

(ii) A facility operated by the Division of Youth Services that is designed to house juveniles; or

(iii) A collegiate athletic event.