

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 573

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING PLACES WHERE A PERSON MAY POSSESS
AND CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY
A CONCEALED HANDGUN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING PLACES WHERE A PERSON MAY
POSSESS AND CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
WITH A LICENSE TO CARRY A CONCEALED
HANDGUN.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(18), concerning a place where a person may possess and carry a concealed handgun with a license to carry a concealed handgun, is amended to read as follows:

(18)(A)(i) Any place at the discretion of the person or entity exercising control over the physical location of the place by placing at each entrance to the place a written notice clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10') that "carrying a handgun is prohibited".

(ii)(a) If the place does not have a roadway entrance, there shall be a written notice placed anywhere upon the premises of the place.

(b) In addition to the requirement of subdivision (18)(A)(ii)(a) of this section, there shall be at least one (1) written notice posted within every three (3) acres of a place with no roadway entrance.



(iii) A written notice as described in subdivision (18)(A)(i) of this section is not required for a private home.

(iv) Any licensee entering a private home shall notify the occupant that the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun.

(B) Subdivision (18)(A) of this section does not apply if the place is:

(i) A public university, public college, or community college, as defined in § 5-73-322, and the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322;

(ii) A publicly owned and maintained parking lot if the licensee 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; ~~or~~

(iii) A parking lot of a private employer and the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-326; or

(iv) A place owned, controlled, or operated by a local unit of government as defined in § 14-16-504 if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun as provided under § 5-73-322(g) and (h), unless the place is listed in § 5-73-122(a)(3)(D)(i)-(iv) or the place is a part of a building licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

(C) The person or entity exercising control over the physical location of a place that does not use his, her, or its authority under this subdivision (18) to prohibit a person from possessing a concealed handgun is immune from a claim for monetary damages arising from or related to the decision not to place at each entrance to the place a written notice under this subdivision (18);

/s/B. Ballinger