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For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 AND THE SCOPE OF WHERE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
12 ASSEMBLY MAY CARRY AND POSSESS A HANDGUN; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

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19 OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY CARRY AND
20 POSSESS A HANDGUN.

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

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

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

32 (A) For the purpose of participating in a shooting match
33 or target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the
34 publicly owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds;

35 (B) If necessary to participate in a trade show, exhibit,
36 or educational course conducted in the publicly owned building or facility or



1 on the State Capitol grounds;

2 (C)(i) If the person has a license to carry a concealed
 3 handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in his
 4 or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked
 5 and unattended motor vehicle in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot.

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

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

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

16 (i) A courtroom or the location of an administrative
 17 hearing conducted by a state agency, except as permitted by § 5-73-306(5) or
 18 § 5-73-306(6);

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

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

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

26 (a) The Arkansas State Hospital;

27 (b) The University of Arkansas for Medical
 28 Sciences; or

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

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

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

36 (i) Correctional facility operated by the Department

1 of Correction or Department of Community Correction;

2 (ii) A facility operated by the Division of Youth

3 Services that is designed to house juveniles; or

4 (iii) A collegiate athletic event.

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