

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 6, 2017

3 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
4 BILL NO. 1550

5 By: Faught, McDugle, Ritze,  
6 Coody, Bennett (John),  
7 Montgomery, Calvey, Gann  
8 and Roberts (Sean) of the  
9 House

10 and

11 Fields, Brecheen, Dahm and  
12 Bergstrom of the Senate

13 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011,  
14 Section 1277, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter  
15 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp. 2016, Section 1277),  
16 which relates to the carrying of firearms in certain  
17 places; updating language; modifying certain  
18 definition; and providing an effective date.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as  
21 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 210, O.S.L. 2016 (21 O.S. Supp.  
22 2016, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1277.

24 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

A. It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid  
handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma

1 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into  
2 any of the following places:

3 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
4 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental  
5 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

6 2. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to  
7 process, hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons  
8 alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent, except as provided in  
9 Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private  
11 secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this  
12 section;

13 4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event;

14 5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law;  
15 and

16 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law.

17 B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of subsection A  
18 of this section, the prohibited place does not include and  
19 specifically excludes the following property:

20 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor  
21 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,  
22 state or federal governmental authority;

23 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor  
24 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any

1 professional sporting event which is open to the public for  
2 admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering  
3 authorized by law;

4 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office  
5 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by  
6 the provisions of this section;

7 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state  
8 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds;  
9 provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize  
10 any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed  
11 handgun into any structure, building or office space which is  
12 specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this  
13 section; and

14 5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or  
15 secondary school for the use or parking of any motor vehicle,  
16 whether attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun  
17 shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when  
18 the motor vehicle is left unattended on school property.

19 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
20 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
21 allow any person in control of any place described in paragraph 1,  
22 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section to establish any policy  
23 or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful  
24 possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun

1 allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2,  
2 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection.

3 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
4 private school property or in any school bus or motor vehicle used  
5 by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by  
6 a person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,  
7 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
8 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
9 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or motor  
10 vehicle used by a private school. Except for acts of gross  
11 negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a  
12 private school that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession  
13 of a weapon on private school property, a school bus or motor  
14 vehicle used by the private school shall be immune from liability  
15 for any injuries arising from the adoption of the policy. The  
16 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to  
17 the Workers' Compensation Code.

18 D. Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,  
19 a board of education of a school district may adopt a policy  
20 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to  
21 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school  
22 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,  
23 provided such personnel either:  
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- 1           1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
2 in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or  
3           2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
4 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority  
6 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

7           E. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this  
8 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
9 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
10 (\$250.00).

11           F. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
12 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be  
13 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university  
14 or technology center school property, except as provided in this  
15 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property  
16 shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid  
17 handgun license:

- 18           1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor  
19 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is  
20 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed  
21 from the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the college or  
22 university president or technology center school administrator while  
23 the motor vehicle is on any college, university or technology center  
24 school property;

1           2. Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by  
2 college, university or technology center school policy; and

3           3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the  
4 college or university president or technology center school  
5 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the  
6 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university  
7 or technology center school property.

8           The college, university or technology center school may notify  
9 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a  
10 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon  
11 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall  
12 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the  
13 hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any  
14 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an  
15 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may  
16 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.

17           Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
18 construed to authorize or allow any college, university or  
19 technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has  
20 the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a  
21 handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such  
22 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of this  
23 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection  
24 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university

1 or technology center school in this state from taking administrative  
2 action against any student for any violation of any provision of  
3 this subsection.

4 G. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace  
5 officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the  
6 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges  
7 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid  
8 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
9 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the  
10 Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this  
11 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the  
12 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms  
13 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the  
14 course and scope of employment.

15 H. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
16 automobile, truck, minivan ~~or~~, sports utility vehicle or motorcycle  
17 as such term is defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes, equipped with a locked accessory container within or  
19 affixed to the motorcycle.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY  
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