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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1503

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED HANDGUN  
10 BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE IN PUBLIC HOUSING; AND  
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED  
16 HANDGUN BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE IN  
17 PUBLIC HOUSING.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122 is amended to read as follows:

23 5-73-122. Carrying a firearm in publicly owned buildings or  
24 facilities.

25 (a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, it is unlawful for any person  
26 other than a law enforcement officer or a security guard in the employ of the  
27 state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any state or  
28 federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a loaded firearm or  
29 other deadly weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or on the  
30 State Capitol grounds.

31 (2) It is unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement  
32 officer or a security guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the  
33 state, or any city or county, or any state or federal military personnel, to  
34 knowingly carry or possess a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, in the  
35 State Capitol Building or the Justice Building in Little Rock.

36 (3) However, the provisions of this subsection do not apply to:



1           (A) a A person carrying or possessing a firearm or other  
 2 deadly weapon in a publicly owned building or facility or on the State  
 3 Capitol grounds for the purpose of participating in a shooting match or  
 4 target practice under the auspices of the agency responsible for the publicly  
 5 owned building or facility or State Capitol grounds or if necessary to  
 6 participate in a trade show, exhibit, or educational course conducted in the  
 7 publicly owned building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds; or

8           (B) A person who has a license to carry a concealed  
 9 handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq. and is carrying a concealed handgun in a  
 10 building operated by a public housing authority.

11           (4) As used in this section;:

12           (A) ~~"facility"~~ "Facility" means a municipally owned or  
 13 maintained park, football field, baseball field, soccer field, or another  
 14 similar municipally owned or maintained recreational structure or property; ;  
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16           (B) "Public housing authority" means a housing authority  
 17 established under § 14-169-207, a regional housing authority established  
 18 under § 14-169-304, or a consolidated housing authority established under §  
 19 14-169-401.

20           (b)(1) Any person other than a law enforcement officer, officer of the  
 21 court, or bailiff, acting in the line of duty, or any other person authorized  
 22 by the court, who possesses a handgun in the courtroom of any court of this  
 23 state upon conviction is guilty of a Class D felony.

24           (2) Otherwise, any person violating a provision of this section  
 25 upon conviction is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.