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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1895

5 By: Representative Gates  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A HANDGUN BY  
9 A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE INSIDE A COURTHOUSE; AND  
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

12 CONCERNING THE CONCEALED CARRY OF A  
13 HANDGUN BY A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE  
14 INSIDE A COURTHOUSE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning certain places a  
22 concealed carry licensee is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 (5) Any courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned,  
25 leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings or  
26 housing a county office unless:

27 (A) The licensee is either:

28 (i) Employed by the county; ~~or~~

29 (ii) A countywide elected official;

30 (iii) A justice of the peace; or

31 (iv)(a) Employed by a governmental entity other than  
32 the county with an office or place of employment inside the courthouse, the  
33 courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly used by the  
34 county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county office.

35 (b) A licensee is limited to carrying a  
36 concealed handgun under subdivision (5)(A)(iii) of this section into the



1 courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or regularly  
2 used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a county  
3 office where the office or place of employment of the governmental entity  
4 that employs him or her is located;

5 (B) The licensee's principal place of employment is within  
6 the courthouse, the courthouse annex, or other building owned, leased, or  
7 regularly used by the county for conducting court proceedings or housing a  
8 county office; and

9 (C) The quorum court by ordinance approves a plan that  
10 allows licensees permitted under this subdivision (5) to carry a concealed  
11 handgun into the courthouse, courthouse annex, or other building owned,  
12 leased, or regularly used by a county for conducting court proceedings as set  
13 out by the local security and emergency preparedness plan;

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