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A Bill

SENATE BILL 197

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE IN WHICH A CERTIFIED LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY CARRY A OPEN OR CONCEALED
10 HANDGUN BOTH WHILE ON DUTY AND OFF DUTY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

15 TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE IN WHICH A CERTIFIED
16 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER MAY CARRY A OPEN
17 OR CONCEALED HANDGUN BOTH WHILE ON DUTY
18 AND OFF DUTY.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(e)(6), concerning the
24 permissibility of a certified law enforcement officer to carry a handgun or
25 firearm on school property, is amended to read as follows:

26 (6) The person is a certified law enforcement officer, either on
27 duty or off duty;

29 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(c)(7), concerning the
30 permissibility of a certified law enforcement officer to carry a weapon, is
31 amended to read as follows:

32 (7) The person is a certified law enforcement officer, either on
33 duty or off duty;

35 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(1) and (2), concerning the
36 permissibility of a certified law enforcement officer to carry a firearm in a



1 publicly owned building or facility, are amended to read as follows:

2 (a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322, § 5-73-306(5), § 16-21-147,
3 and this section, it is unlawful for ~~any~~ a person other than a certified law
4 enforcement officer, either on duty or off duty, ~~or~~ a security guard in the
5 employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any
6 state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a loaded
7 firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned building or facility or
8 on the State Capitol grounds.

9 (2) It is unlawful for any person other than a certified law
10 enforcement officer, either on duty or off duty, ~~or~~ a security guard in the
11 employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or county, or any
12 state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or possess a firearm,
13 whether loaded or unloaded, in the State Capitol Building or the Arkansas
14 Justice Building in Little Rock.

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16 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(b), concerning the permissibility
17 of a certified law enforcement officer to carry a handgun in a courtroom, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) However, a certified law enforcement officer, either on duty or
20 off duty, officer of the court, bailiff, or ~~any~~ other person authorized by
21 the court is permitted to possess a handgun in the courtroom of any court or
22 a courthouse of this state.

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