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SENATE BILL 17-116

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING ALLOWING A LAW-ABIDING PERSON TO CARRY A**
102 **CONCEALED HANDGUN WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND, IN**
103 **CONNECTION THEREWITH, PRESERVING CURRENT LAWS**
104 **RESTRICTING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS ON**
105 **CERTAIN PROPERTY INCLUDING PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

The bill allows a person who legally possesses a handgun under state and federal law to carry a concealed handgun in Colorado. A person

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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who carries a concealed handgun under the authority created in the bill has the same carrying rights and is subject to the same limitations that apply to a person who holds a permit to carry a concealed handgun under current law, including the prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun on the grounds of a public elementary, middle, junior high, or high school.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105, **amend**
3 (2)(f); and **add** (2)(g) as follows:

4 **18-12-105. Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon - unlawful**
5 **possession of weapons.** (2) It shall not be an offense if the defendant
6 was:

7 (f) A United States probation officer or a United States pretrial
8 services officer while on duty and serving in the state of Colorado under
9 the authority of rules and regulations promulgated by the judicial
10 conference of the United States; OR

11 (g) A PERSON WHO WAS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE
12 AND LEGALLY POSSESSED A HANDGUN UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE
13 AND OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEAPON INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT
14 WAS A HANDGUN. THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
15 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (2)(g) IS EQUAL IN ALL
16 RESPECTS TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY A PERMIT TO CARRY A
17 CONCEALED HANDGUN AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-214. A PERSON
18 WHO CARRIES A CONCEALED HANDGUN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
19 THIS SUBSECTION (2)(g) HAS THE SAME RIGHTS AND IS SUBJECT TO THE
20 SAME LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-214 AS APPLY TO A
21 PERSON WHO HOLDS A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

22 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105.5, **amend**

1 (3)(h); and **add** (3)(i) as follows:

2 **18-12-105.5. Unlawfully carrying a weapon - unlawful**
3 **possession of weapons - school, college, or university grounds.** (3) It
4 shall not be an offense under this section if:

5 (h) The person has possession of the weapon for use in an
6 educational program approved by a school which program includes, but
7 shall not be limited to, any course designed for the repair or maintenance
8 of weapons; OR

9 (i) THE PERSON IS AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND MAY
10 LEGALLY POSSESS A HANDGUN UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE AND OF
11 THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEAPON INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT WAS
12 A HANDGUN. THE AUTHORITY TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
13 PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION (3)(i) IS EQUAL IN ALL
14 RESPECTS TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY A PERMIT TO CARRY A
15 CONCEALED HANDGUN AS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-214. A PERSON
16 WHO CARRIES A CONCEALED HANDGUN PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
17 THIS SUBSECTION (3)(i) HAS THE SAME RIGHTS AND IS SUBJECT TO THE
18 SAME LIMITATIONS SPECIFIED IN SECTION 18-12-214 AS APPLY TO A
19 PERSON WHO HOLDS A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN.

20 **SECTION 3. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
21 upon passage and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

22 **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
23 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
24 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.