

HOUSE BILL No. 1619

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 2-3-10; IC 4-2-9.

Synopsis: Lawful carry by state elected officials and staff. Permits a member of the general assembly, professional staff of the general assembly, and a state officer to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of the Indiana government center campus if the person is not prohibited from carrying a handgun by state or federal law.

Effective: July 1, 2023.

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First Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2023)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2022 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning firearms.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 2-3-10-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.181-2017,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 1. The following definitions apply throughout this
4 chapter:
5 (1) "Governing authority" means:
6 (A) the speaker of the house of representatives, with respect to
7 employees of the house of representatives;
8 (B) the president pro tempore of the senate, with respect to
9 employees of the senate;
10 (C) the legislative council, with respect to employees of the
11 legislative services agency; or
12 (D) the Indiana lobby registration commission established
13 under IC 2-7-1.6-1, with respect to employees of the Indiana
14 lobby registration commission.
15 (2) "Indiana government center campus" means the
16 following:
17 (A) The state capitol building.



- 1 **(B) The Indiana government center-north.**
 2 **(C) The Indiana government center-south.**
 3 **(D) The state library.**
 4 **(E) The Washington Street garage.**
 5 **(F) The Senate Avenue garage.**
 6 **(G) The Indiana historical society building and parking lot.**
 7 **(H) The land adjacent to these buildings that is owned and**
 8 **controlled by the state.**
- 9 (2) **(3)** "Professional staff of the general assembly" means a
 10 permanent employee of the house of representatives, senate,
 11 Indiana lobby registration commission, or legislative services
 12 agency whose primary function is:
- 13 (A) assisting members of the general assembly in
 14 communicating with constituents and responding to
 15 constituent concerns;
 16 (B) advising members of the general assembly concerning the
 17 preparation, analysis, fiscal impact, and policy implications of
 18 proposed legislation;
 19 (C) preparing, printing, distributing, editing, or revising
 20 proposed legislation and amendments to proposed legislation;
 21 (D) performing administrative and clerical functions necessary
 22 to the operation of the general assembly, including providing
 23 travel and payroll services;
 24 (E) providing technology support to the general assembly or an
 25 employee of the general assembly; or
 26 (F) carrying out the duties of the Indiana lobby registration
 27 commission.
- 28 The term includes officers of the house of representatives and of
 29 the senate, and any person whose primary function is to supervise
 30 a person described in clauses (A) through (E).
- 31 SECTION 2. IC 2-3-10-2, AS ADDED BY P.L.181-2017,
 32 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 33 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. A member of the general assembly who
 34 ~~(1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and~~
 35 ~~(2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun; is not prohibited~~
 36 **from carrying a handgun under state or federal law** has the
 37 right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on
 38 the property of the ~~state capitol complex.~~ **Indiana government**
 39 **center campus.**
- 40 SECTION 3. IC 2-3-10-3, AS ADDED BY P.L.181-2017,
 41 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 42 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. (a) Subject to governing authority rules and



1 policies concerning personnel practices, a member of the professional
2 staff of the general assembly who

3 ~~(1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and~~
4 ~~(2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun; is not prohibited~~
5 **from carrying a handgun under state or federal law** has the
6 right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on
7 the property of the ~~state capitol complex.~~ **Indiana government**
8 **center campus.**

9 (b) A member of the Indiana lobby registration commission
10 established under IC 2-7-1.6-1 who

11 ~~(1) possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun; and~~
12 ~~(2) is otherwise permitted to possess a handgun; is not prohibited~~
13 **from carrying a handgun under state or federal law** has the
14 right to carry a handgun within the state capitol building and on
15 the property of the ~~state capitol complex.~~ **Indiana government**
16 **center campus.**

17 SECTION 4. IC 4-2-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
18 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
19 1, 2023]:

20 **Chapter 9. Handguns**

21 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "state officer" has the meaning**
22 **set forth in IC 4-2-6-1.**

23 **Sec. 2. A state officer who is not prohibited from carrying a**
24 **handgun under state or federal law has the right to carry a**
25 **handgun within the state capitol building and on the property of**
26 **the Indiana government center campus.**

