

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1365**

Introduced by

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Senators Magrum, Boehm, Castaneda, Cory, Paulson

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to exemption from liability for public and private entities and possession  
3 of firearms or dangerous weapons at a publicly owned or operated building; and to amend and  
4 reenact section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to possession of  
5 firearms or dangerous weapons at a school or school-sponsored event on school property.

6 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

7 **SECTION 1.** A new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
8 and enacted as follows:

9 **Exemption from liability for public and private entities.**

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public or private entity may not be held liable  
11 for any injury or death or damage to property caused by an individual permitted to carry a  
12 dangerous weapon concealed under this chapter.

13 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
14 and enacted as follows:

15 **Possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a publicly owned or operated**  
16 **building.**

17 1. A city, county, or township, may enact and enforce an ordinance prohibiting the  
18 possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon in public areas of a publicly owned or  
19 operated building if:

20 a. All individuals possessing a valid class 1 or class 2 firearm and dangerous  
21 weapons license are restricted from possessing a firearm; and

22 b. Access is not permitted unless an individual passes through equipment that  
23 detects weapons and is staffed by armed security personnel.

24 2. This section does apply to nonpublic areas of a publicly owned and operated building.

1       **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
2 amended and reenacted as follows:

3       **62.1-02-05. Possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering on**  
4 **school property - Penalty - Application.**

5       1. An individual may not possess a firearm or dangerous weapon at:

- 6           a. ~~A a school or school-sponsored event on school property;~~  
7           b. ~~A church or other place of worship; or~~  
8           c. ~~A publicly owned or operated building.~~

9       2. This section does not apply to:

- 10           a. A law enforcement officer, or a correctional officer employed by the department of  
11                corrections and rehabilitation or by a correctional facility governed by chapter  
12                12-44.1. A correctional officer employed by the department of corrections and  
13                rehabilitation may carry a firearm only as authorized in section 12-47-34. A  
14                correctional officer employed by a correctional facility governed by chapter  
15                12-44.1 may carry a firearm or dangerous weapon only as authorized in section  
16                12-44.1-30;
- 17           b. An individual who is on an ambulance or firefighter crew while the individual is on  
18                duty if:
- 19                (1) The individual has written permission from the governing body or owner of  
20                the fire department or ambulance service;
- 21                (2) The individual possesses a valid class 1 concealed weapons license;
- 22                (3) The individual has successfully completed a weapons training course  
23                developed by the North Dakota private investigative and security board; and
- 24                (4) The governing body or owner of the fire department or ambulance crew  
25                provides written notice to the bureau of criminal investigation of the  
26                individuals authorized or no longer authorized to carry a firearm or  
27                dangerous weapon under this section, including that all training and  
28                certification requirements have been satisfied;
- 29           c. A member of the armed forces of the United States or national guard, organized  
30                reserves, state defense forces, or state guard organizations, when on duty;
- 31           d. A competitor participating in an organized sport shooting event;

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- 1 e. A gun or antique show;
- 2 f. A participant using a blank cartridge firearm at a sporting or theatrical event;
- 3 g. A firearm or dangerous weapon carried in a temporary residence or motor  
4 vehicle;
- 5 h. A student and an instructor at a hunter safety class;
- 6 i. Private and public security personnel while on duty;
- 7 j. ~~A state or federal park;~~
- 8 k. An instructor, a test administrator, an official, or a participant in educational,  
9 training, cultural, or competitive events involving the authorized use of a  
10 dangerous weapon if the event occurs with permission of the person or entity  
11 with authority over the function or premises in question;
- 12 l. ~~An individual in a publicly owned or operated rest area or restroom;~~
- 13 m. ~~An individual who is authorized under section 62.1-04-02 to carry a firearm or  
14 dangerous weapon concealed or who has reciprocity under section 62.1-04-03.1  
15 authorizing the individual to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed if  
16 the individual is in a church building or other place of worship and the primary  
17 religious leader or the governing body of the church or other place of worship  
18 approves the individual or group of individuals to carry a firearm or dangerous  
19 weapon through a policy or any other means;~~
- 20 n. ~~A state, federal, or municipal court judge, a district court magistrate judge or  
21 judicial referee, and a staff member of the office of attorney general if the  
22 individual maintains the same level of firearms proficiency as is required by the  
23 peace officer standards and training board for law enforcement officers. A local  
24 law enforcement agency shall issue a certificate of compliance under this section  
25 to an individual who is proficient;~~
- 26 e. An individual's storage of a firearm or dangerous weapon in a building that is  
27 owned or managed by the state or a political subdivision, provided:
- 28 (1) ~~The individual resides in the building;~~
- 29 (2) ~~The storage is inside the individual's assigned residential unit; and~~
- 30 (3) ~~The storage has been consented to by the state, the governing board, or a  
31 designee; and~~

