

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2590

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,
8 Section 1290.2, which relates to the Oklahoma Self-
9 Defense Act; clarifying scope of certain definition;
10 providing an exception; and providing an effective
11 date.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.2, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 1290.2

16 DEFINITIONS

17 A. As used in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act:

18 1. "Completed application" means all fields are completed, all
19 questions are answered and the required signatures are present on
20 the application for a handgun license, and the required documents
21 are attached to the application, including legible fingerprints, if
22 applicable;

1 2. "Concealed handgun" means a loaded or unloaded pistol or
2 handgun not openly visible to the ordinary observation of a
3 reasonable person;

4 3. "Unconcealed handgun" or "open carry" means a loaded or
5 unloaded pistol or handgun that is not held in the hand, but rather
6 is carried upon the person in a holster where the firearm is
7 visible, or carried upon the person using a scabbard, or sling in a
8 general vertical position where the barrel of the handgun is safely
9 pointed in an up or down direction, or in a case designed for
10 carrying firearms. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply
11 while lawfully at a gun range, while lawfully hunting, while
12 lawfully using a firearm, or during an act of self-defense; and

13 4. "Pistol" or "handgun" shall have the same definition as
14 provided in the Oklahoma Firearms Act of 1971, defined in Section
15 1289.3 of this title.

16 B. The definition of pistol or handgun for purposes of the
17 Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall not apply to imitation pistols,
18 flare guns, underwater fishing guns or blank pistols.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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