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## 2021 SENATE BILL 584

September 24, 2021 - Introduced by Senators ROTH, WANGGAARD, BERNIER, FELZKOWSKI, NASS and STROEBEL, cosponsored by Representatives PRONSCHINSKE, ALLEN, BRANDTJEN, CALLAHAN, EDMING, GUNDRUM, KNODL, KUGLITSCH, MAGNAFICI, ROZAR, SCHRAA and WICHGERS. Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 175.60 (2g) (a) and (5) (a) 6., 948.605 (1) (b) and 948.605 (2)  
2           (a); *to repeal and recreate* 948.605 (2) (b) 1r.; and *to create* 948.605 (1) (ak)  
3           and (aq) of the statutes; **relating to:** possession of a firearm by a licensee in  
4           a place of worship located on the grounds of a private school.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, with exceptions, a person is prohibited from possessing a firearm on the grounds of a school. A person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a Class I felony. Under this bill, a person who has a license to carry a concealed weapon may possess a firearm in a place of worship located on the grounds of a private school if the governing body of the place of worship has a written policy that allows licensees to possess a firearm and the licensee is complying with all terms of the policy.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

5           **SECTION 1.** 175.60 (2g) (a) and (5) (a) 6. of the statutes are amended to read:

**SENATE BILL 584****SECTION 1**

1           175.60 **(2g)** (a) A licensee or an out-of-state licensee may carry a concealed  
2           weapon anywhere in this state except as provided under subs. (15m) and (16) and ss.  
3           943.13 (1m) (c) and 948.605 (2) (a) and (b) 1r.

4           **(5)** (a) 6. A statement of the places under sub. (16) where a licensee is prohibited  
5           from carrying a weapon, as well as an explanation of the provisions under sub. (15m)  
6           and ss. 943.13 (1m) (c) and 948.605 (2) (a) and (b) 1r. that could limit the places where  
7           the licensee may carry a weapon, with a place for the applicant to sign his or her name  
8           to indicate that he or she has read and understands the statement.

9           **SECTION 2.** 948.605 (1) (ak) and (aq) of the statutes are created to read:

10           948.605 **(1)** (ak) “Licensee” means a licensee, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (d), or  
11           an out-of-state licensee, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (g).

12           (aq) “Private school” means a school that is a parochial or private school.

13           **SECTION 3.** 948.605 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

14           948.605 **(1)** (b) “School” ~~has the meaning given in s. 948.61 (1) (b)~~ means a  
15           public school, private school, or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), that  
16           provides an educational program for one or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and  
17           that is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school,  
18           senior high school, or high school.

19           **SECTION 4.** 948.605 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

20           948.605 **(2)** (a) Any individual who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place  
21           that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is in or on the grounds  
22           of a school is guilty of a Class I felony. Any individual, except a licensee, who  
23           knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has  
24           reasonable cause to believe, is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school is subject  
25           to a Class B forfeiture.

