

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 558

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 1277, which relates to unlawful carry in  
9 certain places; modifying scope of allowable carry;  
10 removing requirement for certain written consent;  
11 allowing certain concealed carry; prohibiting certain  
12 denial; allowing certain prohibition; defining term;  
13 providing for certain immunity; providing construing  
14 provisions; allowing certain redress; prohibiting  
15 certain responsibility for loss or damage of firearms  
16 or accessories; updating statutory reference;  
17 updating statutory language; and providing an  
18 effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1277, is  
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1277.

23 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES

24 A. It shall be unlawful for any person, including a person in  
25 possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the  
26 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry any concealed  
27 or unconcealed firearm into any of the following places:

1 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or  
2 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental  
3 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public;

4 2. Any courthouse, courtroom, prison, jail, detention facility,  
5 or any facility used to process, hold, or house arrested persons,  
6 prisoners, or persons alleged delinquent or adjudicated delinquent,  
7 except as provided in Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes;

9 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private  
10 secondary school, except as provided in subsections C and D of this  
11 section;

12 4. Any publicly owned or operated sports arena or venue during  
13 a professional sporting event, unless allowed by the event holder;

14 5. Any place where gambling is authorized by law, unless  
15 allowed by the property owner;

16 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law; and

17 7. Any property set aside by a county, city, town, public trust  
18 with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or state governmental  
19 authority for an event that is secured with ~~minimum security~~ minimum  
20 security provisions. For purposes of this paragraph, a ~~minimum-~~  
21 ~~security~~ minimum security provision consists of a location that is  
22 secured utilizing the following:

- 23 a. a metallic-style security fence that is at least eight  
24 (8) feet in height that encompasses the property and

1 is secured in such a way as to deter unauthorized  
2 entry,

3 b. controlled access points staffed by a uniformed,  
4 commissioned peace officer, and

5 c. a metal detector whereby persons walk or otherwise  
6 travel with their property through or by the metal  
7 detector.

8 B. It shall be lawful for a person to carry a concealed or  
9 unconcealed firearm on the following properties:

10 1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
11 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,  
12 state, or federal governmental authority;

13 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any  
14 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, which is open to the  
15 public, or by any entity engaged in gambling authorized by law;

16 3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building, or office  
17 space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by  
18 the provisions of this section;

19 4. Any property designated by a city, town, county, or state  
20 governmental authority as a park, recreational area, wildlife  
21 refuge, wildlife management area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing  
22 in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a  
23 person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed firearm into any  
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1 structure, building, office space or event which is specifically  
2 prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section;

3 5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or  
4 secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether  
5 attended or unattended; provided, however, the firearm shall be  
6 stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor  
7 vehicle is left unattended on school property; and

8 6. Any public property set aside temporarily by a county, city,  
9 town, public trust with a county, city, or town as a beneficiary, or  
10 state governmental authority for the holder of an event permit that  
11 is without ~~minimum security~~ minimum security provisions, as such  
12 term is defined in paragraph 7 of subsection A of this section;  
13 provided, the carry of firearms within ~~said~~ the permitted event area  
14 shall be limited to concealed carry of a handgun unless otherwise  
15 authorized by the holder of the event permit.

16 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or  
17 subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or  
18 allow any person in control of any place described in subsection A  
19 of this section to establish any policy or rule that has the effect  
20 of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license  
21 or otherwise in lawful possession of a firearm from carrying or  
22 possessing the firearm on the property described in this subsection.

23 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto  
24 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any

1 private school for transportation of students or teachers by a  
2 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act,  
3 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the  
4 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a  
5 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle  
6 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or  
7 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school  
8 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on  
9 private school property, a school bus, or a vehicle used by the  
10 private school shall not be subject to liability for any injuries  
11 arising from the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this  
12 subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative  
13 Workers' Compensation Act.

14 D. ~~Notwithstanding paragraph 3 of subsection A of this section,~~  
15 ~~a~~ A board of education of a school district may adopt a policy  
16 pursuant to Section 5-149.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes to  
17 authorize the carrying of a handgun onto school property by school  
18 personnel specifically designated by the board of education,  
19 provided such personnel either:

20 1. Possess a valid armed security guard license as provided for  
21 in ~~Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ the  
22 Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act; or

23 2. Hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as provided  
24 for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority  
2 granted elsewhere in law to carry firearms.

3 E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this  
4 section, on any property designated as a municipal zoo or park of  
5 any size that is owned, leased, operated, or managed by:

6 1. A public trust created pursuant to the provisions of Section  
7 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes; or

8 2. A nonprofit entity,  
9 an individual shall be allowed to carry a concealed handgun but not  
10 openly carry a handgun on the property.

11 F. Any person violating the provisions of paragraph 2 or 3 of  
12 subsection A of this section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a  
13 misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
14 Dollars (\$250.00). A person violating any other provision of  
15 subsection A of this section may be denied entrance onto the  
16 property or removed from the property. If the person refuses to  
17 leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the person may  
18 be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty  
19 Dollars (\$250.00).

20 ~~G. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued~~  
21 ~~pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act or who~~  
22 ~~is carrying or in possession of a firearm as otherwise permitted by~~  
23 ~~law or who is carrying or in possession of a machete, blackjack,~~  
24 ~~loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles shall be authorized to~~

1 ~~carry the firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or~~  
2 ~~metal knuckles into or upon any college, university or technology~~  
3 ~~center school property, except as provided in this subsection. For~~  
4 ~~purposes of this subsection, the following property shall not be~~  
5 ~~construed to be college, university or technology center school~~  
6 ~~property:~~

7 ~~1. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any motor~~  
8 ~~vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the firearm,~~  
9 ~~machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles are~~  
10 ~~carried or stored as required by law and the firearm, machete,~~  
11 ~~blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles are not removed~~  
12 ~~from the motor vehicle without the prior consent of the college or~~  
13 ~~university president or technology center school administrator while~~  
14 ~~the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center~~  
15 ~~school property;~~

16 ~~2. Any property authorized for possession or use of firearms,~~  
17 ~~machetes, blackjacks, loaded canes, hand chains or metal knuckles by~~  
18 ~~college, university or technology center school policy; and~~

19 ~~3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the~~  
20 ~~college or university president or technology center school~~  
21 ~~administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the~~  
22 ~~firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal~~  
23 ~~knuckles and the valid handgun license while on college, university~~  
24 ~~or technology center school property.~~

1       ~~The college, university or technology center school may notify~~  
2 ~~the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a~~  
3 ~~violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon~~  
4 ~~receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall~~  
5 ~~give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the~~  
6 ~~hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any~~  
7 ~~provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an~~  
8 ~~administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may~~  
9 ~~have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months.~~

10       ~~Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be~~  
11 ~~construed to authorize or allow any college, university or~~  
12 ~~technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has~~  
13 ~~the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a~~  
14 ~~handgun license or any person in lawful possession of a firearm,~~  
15 ~~machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain or metal knuckles from~~  
16 ~~possession of a firearm, machete, blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain~~  
17 ~~or metal knuckles in places described in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of~~  
18 ~~this subsection.~~

19       1. Any person in possession of a valid handgun license issued  
20 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be  
21 authorized to carry a concealed handgun into or upon any public  
22 college, university, or technology center school building or  
23 property in which or on which the person is authorized to be. Under  
24 no circumstances shall consent to carry a concealed handgun by a



1 person with a valid handgun license on any public college,  
2 university, or technology center school property or building be  
3 denied by the public college, university, or technology center  
4 school administrator unless evidence is shown that the licensee has  
5 previously been involved in a violent incident or an act that showed  
6 deliberate or reckless disregard for the health or safety of the  
7 faculty, staff, students, or any other person.

8 2. The public college, university, or technology center school  
9 shall be authorized to prohibit any person who is or is not in  
10 possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the  
11 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act from carrying a  
12 concealed handgun or any other firearm into any event venue where a  
13 ticket of monetary value is required for entry on the property or in  
14 the venue of the public college, university, or technology center  
15 school during the event.

16 3. For purposes of this subsection, "event venue" means the  
17 venue of any athletic, theatrical, musical, or similar event in  
18 which a ticket of monetary value is required for entry.

19 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be  
20 construed to limit the authority of any college, university, or  
21 technology center school in this state from taking administrative  
22 action against any student for any violation of any provision of  
23 this subsection.

1       H. Except for gross negligence or acts of willful or wanton  
2 misconduct, any public or private college, university, or technology  
3 center school shall be immune from any liability arising from any  
4 accidental or self-defense act involving a firearm. The provisions  
5 of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the  
6 Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

7       I. Nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-  
8 Defense Act shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit in  
9 any manner the existing rights of a private college, university, or  
10 technology center school to control the possession of weapons on any  
11 property owned or controlled by the private college, university, or  
12 technology center school. Nothing contained in any provision of  
13 this subsection shall be construed to limit the authority of any  
14 private college, university, or technology center school in this  
15 state from taking administrative action against any person for any  
16 violation of any provision of this subsection.

17       J. It shall not be considered part of an employee's job  
18 description or within the employee's scope of employment when an  
19 employee carries or discharges a firearm pursuant to this section.

20       K. Nothing in this section shall prevent a public or private  
21 college, university, technology center school, employee, or person  
22 who has suffered loss resulting from the discharge of a firearm to  
23 seek redress or damages from the person who discharged or used the  
24 firearm outside the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

1        L. No public or private college, university, or technology  
2 center school is responsible for any loss or damage of any firearm  
3 or accessories at any time.

4        M. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the  
5 following:

6            1. Any peace officer or any person authorized by law to carry a  
7 firearm in the course of employment;

8            2. District judges, associate district judges, and special  
9 district judges, who are in possession of a valid handgun license  
10 issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act  
11 and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative  
12 Director of the Courts, when acting in the course and scope of  
13 employment within the courthouses of this state;

14           3. Private investigators with a firearms authorization when  
15 acting in the course and scope of employment;

16           4. ~~Elected officials~~ An elected official of a county, who ~~are~~  
17 is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the  
18 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, may carry a concealed  
19 handgun when acting in the performance of his or her duties within  
20 the courthouses of the county in which he or she was elected. The  
21 provisions of this paragraph shall not allow the elected county  
22 official to carry the handgun into a courtroom;

23           5. The sheriff of any county may authorize certain employees of  
24 the county, who possess a valid handgun license issued pursuant to  
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1 the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, to carry a  
2 concealed handgun when acting in the course and scope of employment  
3 within the courthouse in the county in which the person is employed.  
4 Nothing in the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall prohibit the sheriff  
5 from requiring additional instruction or training before granting  
6 authorization to carry a concealed handgun within the courthouse.  
7 The provisions of this paragraph and of paragraph 6 of this  
8 subsection shall not allow the county employee to carry the handgun  
9 into a courtroom, sheriff's office, adult or juvenile jail, or any  
10 other prisoner detention area; and

11 6. The board of county commissioners of any county may  
12 authorize certain employees of the county, who possess a valid  
13 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
14 Self-Defense Act, to carry a concealed handgun when acting in the  
15 course and scope of employment on county annex facilities or grounds  
16 surrounding the county courthouse.

17 ~~F.~~ N. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means  
18 any automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, or  
19 motorcycle, as defined in Section 1-135 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
20 Statutes, equipped with a locked accessory container within or  
21 affixed to the motorcycle.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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