

HB3297



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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Harry Benton

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/65

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. In provisions prohibiting a person licensed under the Act from knowingly carrying a firearm on or into a building or portion of a building under the control of a unit of local government, provides that a retired police officer may carry a concealed firearm on the premises of the retired officer's former governmental employer if (i) the retired officer is authorized to carry a concealed firearm under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and (ii) the retired officer's actions are authorized by ordinance.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning safety.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Firearm Concealed Carry Act is amended by
5 changing Section 65 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 66/65)

7 Sec. 65. Prohibited areas.

8 (a) A licensee under this Act shall not knowingly carry a
9 firearm on or into:

10 (1) Any building, real property, and parking area
11 under the control of a public or private elementary or
12 secondary school.

13 (2) Any building, real property, and parking area
14 under the control of a pre-school or child care facility,
15 including any room or portion of a building under the
16 control of a pre-school or child care facility. Nothing in
17 this paragraph shall prevent the operator of a child care
18 facility in a family home from owning or possessing a
19 firearm in the home or license under this Act, if no child
20 under child care at the home is present in the home or the
21 firearm in the home is stored in a locked container when a
22 child under child care at the home is present in the home.

23 (3) Any building, parking area, or portion of a

1 building under the control of an officer of the executive
2 or legislative branch of government, provided that nothing
3 in this paragraph shall prohibit a licensee from carrying
4 a concealed firearm onto the real property, bikeway, or
5 trail in a park regulated by the Department of Natural
6 Resources or any other designated public hunting area or
7 building where firearm possession is permitted as
8 established by the Department of Natural Resources under
9 Section 1.8 of the Wildlife Code.

10 (4) Any building designated for matters before a
11 circuit court, appellate court, or the Supreme Court, or
12 any building or portion of a building under the control of
13 the Supreme Court.

14 (5) Any building or portion of a building under the
15 control of a unit of local government. Nothing in this
16 paragraph shall prevent a retired police officer from
17 carrying a concealed firearm on the premises of the
18 retired officer's former governmental employer if: (i) the
19 retired officer is authorized to carry a concealed firearm
20 under the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 and
21 (ii) the retired officer's actions are authorized by
22 ordinance.

23 (6) Any building, real property, and parking area
24 under the control of an adult or juvenile detention or
25 correctional institution, prison, or jail.

26 (7) Any building, real property, and parking area

1 under the control of a public or private hospital or
2 hospital affiliate, mental health facility, or nursing
3 home.

4 (8) Any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for
5 in whole or in part with public funds, and any building,
6 real property, and parking area under the control of a
7 public transportation facility paid for in whole or in
8 part with public funds.

9 (9) Any building, real property, and parking area
10 under the control of an establishment that serves alcohol
11 on its premises, if more than 50% of the establishment's
12 gross receipts within the prior 3 months is from the sale
13 of alcohol. The owner of an establishment who knowingly
14 fails to prohibit concealed firearms on its premises as
15 provided in this paragraph or who knowingly makes a false
16 statement or record to avoid the prohibition on concealed
17 firearms under this paragraph is subject to the penalty
18 under subsection (c-5) of Section 10-1 of the Liquor
19 Control Act of 1934.

20 (10) Any public gathering or special event conducted
21 on property open to the public that requires the issuance
22 of a permit from the unit of local government, provided
23 this prohibition shall not apply to a licensee who must
24 walk through a public gathering in order to access his or
25 her residence, place of business, or vehicle.

26 (11) Any building or real property that has been

1 issued a Special Event Retailer's license as defined in
2 Section 1-3.17.1 of the Liquor Control Act during the time
3 designated for the sale of alcohol by the Special Event
4 Retailer's license, or a Special use permit license as
5 defined in subsection (q) of Section 5-1 of the Liquor
6 Control Act during the time designated for the sale of
7 alcohol by the Special use permit license.

8 (12) Any public playground.

9 (13) Any public park, athletic area, or athletic
10 facility under the control of a municipality or park
11 district, provided nothing in this Section shall prohibit
12 a licensee from carrying a concealed firearm while on a
13 trail or bikeway if only a portion of the trail or bikeway
14 includes a public park.

15 (14) Any real property under the control of the Cook
16 County Forest Preserve District.

17 (15) Any building, classroom, laboratory, medical
18 clinic, hospital, artistic venue, athletic venue,
19 entertainment venue, officially recognized
20 university-related organization property, whether owned or
21 leased, and any real property, including parking areas,
22 sidewalks, and common areas under the control of a public
23 or private community college, college, or university.

24 (16) Any building, real property, or parking area
25 under the control of a gaming facility licensed under the
26 Illinois Gambling Act or the Illinois Horse Racing Act of

1 1975, including an inter-track wagering location licensee.

2 (17) Any stadium, arena, or the real property or
3 parking area under the control of a stadium, arena, or any
4 collegiate or professional sporting event.

5 (18) Any building, real property, or parking area
6 under the control of a public library.

7 (19) Any building, real property, or parking area
8 under the control of an airport.

9 (20) Any building, real property, or parking area
10 under the control of an amusement park.

11 (21) Any building, real property, or parking area
12 under the control of a zoo or museum.

13 (22) Any street, driveway, parking area, property,
14 building, or facility, owned, leased, controlled, or used
15 by a nuclear energy, storage, weapons, or development site
16 or facility regulated by the federal Nuclear Regulatory
17 Commission. The licensee shall not under any circumstance
18 store a firearm or ammunition in his or her vehicle or in a
19 compartment or container within a vehicle located anywhere
20 in or on the street, driveway, parking area, property,
21 building, or facility described in this paragraph.

22 (23) Any area where firearms are prohibited under
23 federal law.

24 (a-5) Nothing in this Act shall prohibit a public or
25 private community college, college, or university from:

26 (1) prohibiting persons from carrying a firearm within

1 a vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by the college or
2 university;

3 (2) developing resolutions, regulations, or policies
4 regarding student, employee, or visitor misconduct and
5 discipline, including suspension and expulsion;

6 (3) developing resolutions, regulations, or policies
7 regarding the storage or maintenance of firearms, which
8 must include designated areas where persons can park
9 vehicles that carry firearms; and

10 (4) permitting the carrying or use of firearms for the
11 purpose of instruction and curriculum of officially
12 recognized programs, including but not limited to military
13 science and law enforcement training programs, or in any
14 designated area used for hunting purposes or target
15 shooting.

16 (a-10) The owner of private real property of any type may
17 prohibit the carrying of concealed firearms on the property
18 under his or her control. The owner must post a sign in
19 accordance with subsection (d) of this Section indicating that
20 firearms are prohibited on the property, unless the property
21 is a private residence.

22 (b) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (a-5), and (a-10) of
23 this Section except under paragraph (22) or (23) of subsection
24 (a), any licensee prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm
25 into the parking area of a prohibited location specified in
26 subsection (a), (a-5), or (a-10) of this Section shall be

1 permitted to carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her
2 person within a vehicle into the parking area and may store a
3 firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked
4 vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the
5 vehicle in the parking area. A licensee may carry a concealed
6 firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle
7 within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited
8 purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the
9 vehicle's trunk. For purposes of this subsection, "case"
10 includes a glove compartment or console that completely
11 encloses the concealed firearm or ammunition, the trunk of the
12 vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other
13 container.

14 (c) A licensee shall not be in violation of this Section
15 while he or she is traveling along a public right of way that
16 touches or crosses any of the premises under subsection (a),
17 (a-5), or (a-10) of this Section if the concealed firearm is
18 carried on his or her person in accordance with the provisions
19 of this Act or is being transported in a vehicle by the
20 licensee in accordance with all other applicable provisions of
21 law.

22 (d) Signs stating that the carrying of firearms is
23 prohibited shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the
24 entrance of a building, premises, or real property specified
25 in this Section as a prohibited area, unless the building or
26 premises is a private residence. Signs shall be of a uniform

1 design as established by the Illinois State Police and shall
2 be 4 inches by 6 inches in size. The Illinois State Police
3 shall adopt rules for standardized signs to be used under this
4 subsection.

5 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)