

104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**State of Illinois****2025 and 2026****HB3507**

Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Kevin John Olickal

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/5

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Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Defines "grounds". Removes a prohibition from carrying a firearm into any real property under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District. Allows a forest preserve district to prohibit persons from carrying a firearm into any botanic garden, swimming pool, grounds of a swimming pool, athletic venue, picnic grove, nature center, grounds of a nature center, pavilion, grounds of a pavilion, golf course, driving range, adventure course, grounds of an adventure course, zipline building, grounds of a zipline, equestrian center, grounds of an equestrian center, exercise venue, grounds of an exercise venue, or any public or private gathering or special event conducted on property that requires the issuance of a permit. Adds an exception for persons carrying a firearm while traveling along a public right of way that touches or crosses forest preserve districts where firearms are prohibited. Adds an exception for forest preserve districts from provisions regarding required signage.

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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 Sections 5 and 65 as follows:

6 (430 ILCS 66/5)

7 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act, unless the
8 context requires otherwise:

9 "Applicant" means a person who is applying for a license
10 to carry a concealed firearm under this Act.

11 "Board" means the Concealed Carry Licensing Review Board.

12 "Concealed firearm" means a loaded or unloaded handgun
13 carried on or about a person completely or mostly concealed
14 from view of the public or on or about a person within a
15 vehicle.

16 "Director" means the Director of the Illinois State
17 Police.

18 "Grounds" means 75 feet from the entrance to any
19 prohibited area on real property belonging to a forest
20 preserve as identified in subsection (a-6) of Section 65 or
21 any area enclosed by fencing located on real property
22 belonging by a forest preserve, whichever is greater.
23 "Grounds" does not include parking lots.

1 "Handgun" means any device which is designed to expel a
2 projectile or projectiles by the action of an explosion,
3 expansion of gas, or escape of gas that is designed to be held
4 and fired by the use of a single hand. "Handgun" does not
5 include:

6 (1) a stun gun or taser;

7 (2) a machine gun as defined in item (i) of paragraph
8 (7) of subsection (a) of Section 24-1 of the Criminal Code
9 of 2012;

10 (3) a short-barreled rifle or shotgun as defined in
11 item (ii) of paragraph (7) of subsection (a) of Section
12 24-1 of the Criminal Code of 2012; or

13 (4) any pneumatic gun, spring gun, paint ball gun, or
14 B-B gun which expels a single globular projectile not
15 exceeding .18 inch in diameter, or which has a maximum
16 muzzle velocity of less than 700 feet per second, or which
17 expels breakable paint balls containing washable marking
18 colors.

19 "Law enforcement agency" means any federal, State, or
20 local law enforcement agency, including offices of State's
21 Attorneys and the Office of the Attorney General.

22 "License" means a license issued by the Illinois State
23 Police to carry a concealed handgun.

24 "Licensee" means a person issued a license to carry a
25 concealed handgun.

26 "Municipality" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1

1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

2 "Unit of local government" has the meaning ascribed to it
3 in Section 1 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

4 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

5 (430 ILCS 66/65)

6 Sec. 65. Prohibited areas.

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

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

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

22 (3) Any building, parking area, or portion of a
23 building under the control of an officer of the executive
24 or legislative branch of government, provided that nothing
25 in this paragraph shall prohibit a licensee from carrying

1 a concealed firearm onto the real property, bikeway, or
2 trail in a park regulated by the Department of Natural
3 Resources or any other designated public hunting area or
4 building where firearm possession is permitted as
5 established by the Department of Natural Resources under
6 Section 1.8 of the Wildlife Code.

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

11 (5) Any building or portion of a building under the
12 control of a unit of local government.

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

16 (7) Any building, real property, and parking area
17 under the control of a public or private hospital or
18 hospital affiliate, mental health facility, or nursing
19 home.

20 (8) Any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for
21 in whole or in part with public funds, and any building,
22 real property, and parking area under the control of a
23 public transportation facility paid for in whole or in
24 part with public funds.

25 (9) Any building, real property, and parking area
26 under the control of an establishment that serves alcohol

1 on its premises, if more than 50% of the establishment's
2 gross receipts within the prior 3 months is from the sale
3 of alcohol. The owner of an establishment who knowingly
4 fails to prohibit concealed firearms on its premises as
5 provided in this paragraph or who knowingly makes a false
6 statement or record to avoid the prohibition on concealed
7 firearms under this paragraph is subject to the penalty
8 under subsection (c-5) of Section 10-1 of the Liquor
9 Control Act of 1934.

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

16 (11) Any building or real property that has been
17 issued a Special Event Retailer's license as defined in
18 Section 1-3.17.1 of the Liquor Control Act during the time
19 designated for the sale of alcohol by the Special Event
20 Retailer's license, or a Special use permit license as
21 defined in subsection (q) of Section 5-1 of the Liquor
22 Control Act during the time designated for the sale of
23 alcohol by the Special use permit license.

24 (12) Any public playground.

25 (13) Any public park, athletic area, or athletic
26 facility under the control of a municipality or park

district, provided nothing in this Section shall prohibit a licensee from carrying a concealed firearm while on a trail or bikeway if only a portion of the trail or bikeway includes a public park.

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

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

(16) Any building, real property, or parking area under the control of a gaming facility licensed under the Illinois Gambling Act or the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, including an inter-track wagering location licensee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) prohibiting persons from carrying a firearm within a vehicle owned, leased, or controlled by the college or university;

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

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

(4) permitting the carrying or use of firearms for the

1 purpose of instruction and curriculum of officially
2 recognized programs, including but not limited to military
3 science and law enforcement training programs, or in any
4 designated area used for hunting purposes or target
5 shooting.

6 (a-6) Nothing in this Act prohibits a forest preserve
7 district from prohibiting persons from carrying a firearm into
8 any botanic garden, swimming pool, grounds of a swimming pool,
9 athletic venue, picnic grove, nature center, grounds of a
10 nature center, pavilion, grounds of a pavilion, golf course,
11 driving range, adventure course, grounds of an adventure
12 course, zipline building, grounds of a zipline, equestrian
13 center, grounds of an equestrian center, exercise venue,
14 grounds of an exercise venue, or any public or private
15 gathering or special event conducted on property that requires
16 the issuance of a permit.

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

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

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

15 (c) A licensee shall not be in violation of this Section
16 while he or she is traveling along a public right of way that
17 touches or crosses any of the premises under subsection (a),
18 (a-5), (a-6), or (a-10) of this Section if the concealed
19 firearm is carried on his or her person in accordance with the
20 provisions of this Act or is being transported in a vehicle by
21 the licensee in accordance with all other applicable
22 provisions of law.

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

1 premises is a private residence or forest preserve district.

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

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