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Introduced 2/13/2026, by Rep. La Shawn K. Ford

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/65

Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Permits an incumbent or retired judge of the Illinois Supreme, Appellate, or circuit court who has a concealed carry license to carry a firearm on or into: (i) any building designated for matters before a circuit court, the Appellate Court, or the Supreme Court, or any building or portion of a building under the control of the Supreme Court; and (ii) any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for in whole or in part with public funds, and any building, real property, and parking area under the control of a public transportation facility paid for in whole or in part with public funds. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public 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, an appellate court, or the Supreme Court,
12 or any building or portion of a building under the control
13 of the Supreme Court. This prohibition does not apply to
14 any holder of a concealed carry license who is an
15 incumbent or retired judge of the Illinois Supreme Court,
16 the Illinois Appellate Court, or an Illinois circuit
17 court, regardless of whether the judge was elected or
18 appointed.

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

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

24 (7) Any building, real property, and parking area
25 under the control of a public or private hospital or
26 hospital affiliate, mental health facility, or nursing

1 home.

2 (8) Any bus, train, or form of transportation paid for
3 in whole or in part with public funds, and any building,
4 real property, and parking area under the control of a
5 public transportation facility paid for in whole or in
6 part with public funds. This prohibition does not apply to
7 any holder of a concealed carry license who is an
8 incumbent or retired judge of the Illinois Supreme Court,
9 the Illinois Appellate Court, or an Illinois circuit
10 court, regardless of whether the judge was elected or
11 appointed.

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

23 (10) Any public gathering or special event conducted
24 on property open to the public that requires the issuance
25 of a permit from the unit of local government, provided
26 this prohibition shall not apply to a licensee who must

1 walk through a public gathering in order to access his or
2 her residence, place of business, or vehicle.

3 (11) Any building or real property that has been
4 issued a special event retailer's ~~Special Event Retailer's~~
5 license as defined in Section 1-3.17.1 of the Liquor
6 Control Act of 1934 during the time designated for the
7 sale of alcohol by the special event retailer's ~~Special~~
8 ~~Event Retailer's~~ license, or a special ~~Special~~ use permit
9 license as defined in subsection (q) of Section 5-1 of the
10 Liquor Control Act of 1934 during the time designated for
11 the sale of alcohol by the special ~~Special~~ use permit
12 license.

13 (12) Any public playground.

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

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

22 (15) Any building, classroom, laboratory, medical
23 clinic, hospital, artistic venue, athletic venue,
24 entertainment venue, officially recognized
25 university-related organization property, whether owned or
26 leased, and any real property, including parking areas,

1 sidewalks, and common areas under the control of a public
2 or private community college, college, or university.

3 (16) Any building, real property, or parking area
4 under the control of a gaming facility licensed under the
5 Illinois Gambling Act or the Illinois Horse Racing Act of
6 1975, including an inter-track wagering location licensee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (b) Notwithstanding subsections (a), (a-5), and (a-10) of
2 this Section except under paragraph (22) or (23) of subsection
3 (a), any licensee prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm
4 into the parking area of a prohibited location specified in
5 subsection (a), (a-5), or (a-10) of this Section shall be
6 permitted to carry a concealed firearm on or about his or her
7 person within a vehicle into the parking area and may store a
8 firearm or ammunition concealed in a case within a locked
9 vehicle or locked container out of plain view within the
10 vehicle in the parking area. A licensee may carry a concealed
11 firearm in the immediate area surrounding his or her vehicle
12 within a prohibited parking lot area only for the limited
13 purpose of storing or retrieving a firearm within the
14 vehicle's trunk. For purposes of this subsection, "case"
15 includes a glove compartment or console that completely
16 encloses the concealed firearm or ammunition, the trunk of the
17 vehicle, or a firearm carrying box, shipping box, or other
18 container.

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

1 (d) Signs stating that the carrying of firearms is
2 prohibited shall be clearly and conspicuously posted at the
3 entrance of a building, premises, or real property specified
4 in this Section as a prohibited area, unless the building or
5 premises is a private residence. Signs shall be of a uniform
6 design as established by the Illinois State Police and shall
7 be 4 inches by 6 inches in size. The Illinois State Police
8 shall adopt rules for standardized signs to be used under this
9 subsection.

10 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;
11 revised 7-11-25.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.