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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

430 ILCS 66/5
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Amends the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. Provides that nothing in the Act prohibits a forest preserve district from prohibiting 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. Exempts a forest preserve district from the posting of a sign that states that the carrying of firearms is prohibited. Deletes language providing that a licensee under the Act shall not knowingly carry a firearm on any real property under the control of the Cook County Forest Preserve District. Defines "grounds".

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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:

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

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

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

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

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

23 "Handgun" means any device which is designed to expel a

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

5 (1) a stun gun or taser;

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 "Municipality" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 1
26 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

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

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

4 (430 ILCS 66/65)

5 Sec. 65. Prohibited areas.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (9) Any building, real property, and parking area
25 under the control of an establishment that serves alcohol
26 on its premises, if more than 50% of the establishment's

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

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

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

23 (12) Any public playground.

24 (13) Any public park, athletic area, or athletic
25 facility under the control of a municipality or park
26 district, provided nothing in this Section shall prohibit

1 a licensee from carrying a concealed firearm while on a
2 trail or bikeway if only a portion of the trail or bikeway
3 includes a public park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (21) Any building, real property, or parking area

1 under the control of a zoo or museum.

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 (4) permitting the carrying or use of firearms for the
26 purpose of instruction and curriculum of officially

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

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

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), (a-6), or (a-10) of this Section if the concealed
18 firearm is carried on his or her person in accordance with the
19 provisions of this Act or is being transported in a vehicle by
20 the licensee in accordance with all other applicable
21 provisions of 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, or real property is a private residence or a forest

1 preserve district. Signs shall be of a uniform design as
2 established by the Illinois State Police and shall be 4 inches
3 by 6 inches in size. The Illinois State Police shall adopt
4 rules for standardized signs to be used under this subsection.
5 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)