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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

720 ILCS 5/24-2

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961. Provides that the statutes concerning unlawful use of weapons and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon relating to carrying a concealed firearm do not apply to or affect any person who has a valid permit or license to carry a handgun issued by any state. Effective immediately.

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AN ACT concerning criminal law.

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

Section 5. The Criminal Code of 1961 is amended by changing
Section 24-2 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 5/24-2)

7 Sec. 24-2. Exemptions.

8 (a) Subsections 24-1(a)(3), 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(10), and
9 24-1(a)(13) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of
10 the following:

(1) Peace officers, and any person summoned by a peace
 officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the
 peace, while actually engaged in assisting such officer.

14 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons,
15 penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the
16 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense,
17 while in the performance of their official duty, or while
18 commuting between their homes and places of employment.

19 (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of 20 the United States or the Illinois National Guard or the 21 Reserve Officers Training Corps, while in the performance 22 of their official duty.

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(4) Special agents employed by a railroad or a public

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utility to perform police functions, and quards of armored 1 2 car companies, while actually engaged in the performance of 3 the duties of their employment or commuting between their homes and places of employment; and watchmen while actually 5 engaged in the performance of the duties of their 6 employment.

7 (5) Persons licensed as private security contractors, 8 private detectives, or private alarm contractors, or 9 employed by an agency certified by the Department of 10 Professional Regulation, if their duties include the 11 carrying of a weapon under the provisions of the Private 12 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, while actually engaged 13 in the performance of the duties of their employment or 14 15 commuting between their homes and places of employment, 16 provided that such commuting is accomplished within one 17 hour from departure from home or place of employment, as the case may be. Persons exempted under this subdivision 18 19 (a) (5) shall be required to have completed a course of 20 study in firearms handling and training approved and supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation as 21 22 prescribed by Section 28 of the Private Detective, Private 23 Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004, prior to becoming eligible for this exemption. 24 25 The Department of Professional Regulation shall provide 26 suitable documentation demonstrating the successful

completion of the prescribed firearms training. Such documentation shall be carried at all times when such persons are in possession of a concealable weapon.

(6) Any person regularly employed in a commercial or 4 industrial operation as a security guard for the protection 5 of persons employed and private property related to such 6 7 commercial or industrial operation, while actually engaged 8 in the performance of his or her duty or traveling between 9 sites or properties belonging to the employer, and who, as 10 a security quard, is a member of a security force of at 11 least 5 persons registered with the Department of 12 Professional Regulation; provided that such security guard has successfully completed a course of study, approved by 13 14 supervised by the Department of Professional and 15 Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of 16 training that includes the theory of law enforcement, 17 liability for acts, and the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered eligible for this exemption if he or 18 she has completed the required 20 hours of training for a 19 20 security officer and 20 hours of required firearm training, and has been issued a firearm control card by the 21 22 Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for the 23 of firearm control cards issued renewal under the 24 provisions of this Section shall be the same as for those 25 cards issued under the provisions of the Private Detective, 26 Private Alarm, Private Security, Fingerprint Vendor, and

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Locksmith Act of 2004. Such firearm control card shall be
 carried by the security guard at all times when he or she
 is in possession of a concealable weapon.

4 (7) Agents and investigators of the Illinois
5 Legislative Investigating Commission authorized by the
6 Commission to carry the weapons specified in subsections
7 24-1(a) (3) and 24-1(a) (4), while on duty in the course of
8 any investigation for the Commission.

9 (8) Persons employed by a financial institution for the 10 protection of other employees and property related to such 11 financial institution, while actually engaged in the 12 performance of their duties, commuting between their homes 13 and places of employment, or traveling between sites or 14 properties owned or operated by such financial 15 institution, provided that any person so employed has 16 successfully completed a course of study, approved by and 17 supervised by the Department of Professional Regulation, consisting of not less than 40 hours of training which 18 19 includes theory of law enforcement, liability for acts, and 20 the handling of weapons. A person shall be considered to be 21 eligible for this exemption if he or she has completed the 22 required 20 hours of training for a security officer and 20 23 hours of required firearm training, and has been issued a 24 firearm control card by the Department of Professional Regulation. Conditions for renewal of firearm control 25 26 cards issued under the provisions of this Section shall be

the same as for those issued under the provisions of the 1 Detective, Private Alarm, Private Security, 2 Private 3 Fingerprint Vendor, and Locksmith Act of 2004. Such firearm control card shall be carried by the person so trained at 4 all times when such person is 5 in possession of a 6 concealable weapon. For purposes of this subsection, 7 "financial institution" means a bank, savings and loan 8 association, credit union or company providing armored car 9 services.

10 (9) Any person employed by an armored car company to 11 drive an armored car, while actually engaged in the 12 performance of his duties.

(10) Persons who have been classified as peace officers
 pursuant to the Peace Officer Fire Investigation Act.

(11) Investigators of the Office of the State's
Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor authorized by the board of
governors of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate
Prosecutor to carry weapons pursuant to Section 7.06 of the
State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act.

20 (12) Special investigators appointed by a State's
 21 Attorney under Section 3-9005 of the Counties Code.

(12.5) Probation officers while in the performance of their duties, or while commuting between their homes, places of employment or specific locations that are part of their assigned duties, with the consent of the chief judge of the circuit for which they are employed. 1 (13) Court Security Officers while in the performance 2 of their official duties, or while commuting between their 3 homes and places of employment, with the consent of the 4 Sheriff.

5 (13.5) A person employed as an armed security guard at 6 a nuclear energy, storage, weapons or development site or 7 facility regulated by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission 8 who has completed the background screening and training 9 mandated by the rules and regulations of the Nuclear 10 Regulatory Commission.

(14) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of weapons
to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through
(13.5) of this subsection to possess those weapons.

14 (b) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section
15 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any of the following:

16 (1) Members of any club or organization organized for
17 the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon
18 established target ranges, whether public or private, and
19 patrons of such ranges, while such members or patrons are
20 using their firearms on those target ranges.

(2) Duly authorized military or civil organizations
 while parading, with the special permission of the
 Governor.

(3) Hunters, trappers or fishermen with a license or
 permit while engaged in hunting, trapping or fishing.

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(4) Transportation of weapons that are broken down in a

non-functioning state or are not immediately accessible. 1 2 (5) Carrying or possessing any pistol, revolver, stun 3 gun or taser or other firearm on the land or in the legal dwelling of another person as an invitee with that person's 4 5 permission. (6) Any person who has a valid permit or license to 6 carry a handgun issued by any state. 7 8 (c) Subsection 24-1(a)(7) does not apply to or affect any 9 of the following: 10 (1)Peace officers while in performance of their 11 official duties. 12 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other institutions for the 13 detention of persons accused or convicted of an offense. 14 15 (3) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of 16 the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in 17 the performance of their official duty. (4) Manufacture, transportation, or sale of machine 18

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19 guns to persons authorized under subdivisions (1) through 20 (3) of this subsection to possess machine guns, if the 21 machine guns are broken down in a non-functioning state or 22 are not immediately accessible.

(5) Persons licensed under federal law to manufacture
any weapon from which 8 or more shots or bullets can be
discharged by a single function of the firing device, or
ammunition for such weapons, and actually engaged in the

business of manufacturing such weapons or ammunition, but 1 2 only with respect to activities which are within the lawful 3 such business, such as the manufacture, scope of transportation, or testing of such weapons or ammunition. 4 5 This exemption does not authorize the general private 6 possession of any weapon from which 8 or more shots or 7 bullets can be discharged by a single function of the 8 firing device, but only such possession and activities as 9 are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing 10 business described in this paragraph.

During transportation, such weapons shall be broken down in a non-functioning state or not immediately accessible.

14 The manufacture, transport, testing, delivery, (6) 15 transfer or sale, and all lawful commercial or experimental 16 activities necessary thereto, of rifles, shotguns, and 17 weapons made from rifles or shotguns, or ammunition for 18 such rifles, shotguns or weapons, where engaged in by a 19 person operating as a contractor or subcontractor pursuant 20 to a contract or subcontract for the development and supply 21 of such rifles, shotguns, weapons or ammunition to the 22 United States government or any branch of the Armed Forces 23 of the United States, when such activities are necessary 24 and incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

The exemption granted under this subdivision (c)(6) shall also apply to any authorized agent of any such 1 contractor or subcontractor who is operating within the 2 scope of his employment, where such activities involving 3 such weapon, weapons or ammunition are necessary and 4 incident to fulfilling the terms of such contract.

5 During transportation, any such weapon shall be broken 6 down in a non-functioning state, or not immediately 7 accessible.

8 (d) Subsection 24-1(a)(1) does not apply to the purchase,
9 possession or carrying of a black-jack or slung-shot by a peace
10 officer.

(e) Subsection 24-1(a)(8) does not apply to any owner, manager or authorized employee of any place specified in that subsection nor to any law enforcement officer.

(f) Subsection 24-1(a)(4) and subsection 24-1(a)(10) and Section 24-1.6 do not apply to members of any club or organization organized for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon established target ranges, whether public or private, while using their firearms on those target ranges.

19 (g) Subsections 24-1(a)(11) and 24-3.1(a)(6) do not apply
20 to:

(1) Members of the Armed Services or Reserve Forces of
the United States or the Illinois National Guard, while in
the performance of their official duty.

24 (2) Bonafide collectors of antique or surplus military25 ordinance.

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(3) Laboratories having a department of forensic

ballistics, or specializing in the development of
 ammunition or explosive ordinance.

3 (4) Commerce, preparation, assembly or possession of explosive bullets by manufacturers of ammunition licensed 4 5 by the federal government, in connection with the supply of those organizations and persons exempted by subdivision 6 (g)(1) of this Section, or like organizations and persons 7 8 outside this State, or the transportation of explosive 9 bullets to any organization or person exempted in this 10 Section by a common carrier or by a vehicle owned or leased 11 by an exempted manufacturer.

12 (g-5) Subsection 24-1(a)(6) does not apply to or affect persons licensed under federal law to manufacture any device or 13 attachment of any kind designed, used, or intended for use in 14 silencing the report of any firearm, firearms, or ammunition 15 16 for those firearms equipped with those devices, and actually 17 engaged in the business of manufacturing those devices, firearms, or ammunition, but only with respect to activities 18 that are within the lawful scope of that business, such as the 19 manufacture, transportation, or testing of those devices, 20 firearms, or ammunition. This exemption does not authorize the 21 22 general private possession of any device or attachment of any 23 kind designed, used, or intended for use in silencing the report of any firearm, but only such possession and activities 24 25 as are within the lawful scope of a licensed manufacturing business 26 described in this subsection (q-5). During 1 transportation, those devices shall be detached from any weapon 2 or not immediately accessible.

3 (g-6) Subsections 24-1(a)(4) and 24-1(a)(10) and Section 4 24-1.6 do not apply to or affect any parole agent or parole 5 supervisor who meets the qualifications and conditions 6 prescribed in Section 3-14-1.5 of the Unified Code of 7 Corrections.

8 (q-10) Subsections 24-1(a)(4), 24-1(a)(8), and 9 24-1(a)(10), and Sections 24-1.6 and 24-3.1 do not apply to an 10 athlete's possession, transport on official Olympic and 11 Paralympic transit systems established for athletes, or use of 12 competition firearms sanctioned by the International Olympic 13 International Paralympic Committee, Committee, the the 14 International Shooting Sport Federation, or USA Shooting in connection with such athlete's training for and participation 15 in shooting competitions at the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic 16 17 Games and sanctioned test events leading up to the 2016 Olympic 18 and Paralympic Games.

(h) An information or indictment based upon a violation of any subsection of this Article need not negative any exemptions contained in this Article. The defendant shall have the burden of proving such an exemption.

(i) Nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or
affect the transportation, carrying, or possession, of any
pistol or revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm consigned
to a common carrier operating under license of the State of

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1 Illinois or the federal government, where such transportation, 2 carrying, or possession is incident to the lawful 3 transportation in which such common carrier is engaged; and 4 nothing in this Article shall prohibit, apply to, or affect the 5 transportation, carrying, or possession of any pistol, 6 revolver, stun gun, taser, or other firearm, not the subject of 7 and regulated by subsection 24-1(a)(7) or subsection 24-2(c) of this Article, which is unloaded and enclosed in a case, firearm 8 9 carrying box, shipping box, or other container, by the 10 possessor of a valid Firearm Owners Identification Card.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-331, eff. 8-21-07; 95-613, eff. 9-11-07; 12 95-885, eff. 1-1-09; 96-7, eff. 4-3-09; 96-230, eff. 1-1-10; 13 96-742, eff. 8-25-09; 96-1000, eff. 7-2-10.)

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

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