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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Broward County; prohibiting certain  
3           persons from openly carrying a handgun or carrying a  
4           concealed weapon or firearm in certain governmental  
5           buildings or facilities within Broward County and in  
6           meetings or events where certain federal or state  
7           officials are present; requiring placement of signage  
8           in entrances of buildings and facilities; providing an  
9           exemption for law enforcement officers; providing that  
10          violation is a criminal offense and misdemeanor,  
11          punishable as provided by general law; providing an  
12          exception to general law relating to state preemption  
13          of the field of regulation of firearms and ammunition;  
14          providing an effective date.

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18           Section 1. (1) In addition to the locations specified in  
19 section 790.06(12) (a), Florida Statutes, a person may not openly  
20 carry a handgun, concealed weapon, or firearm into:

21           (a) The Broward County Governmental Center or the Broward  
22 County Governmental Center West.

23           (b) County-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
24 addiction recovery services, including admissions assessment,  
25 detoxification services, or residential and nonresidential day  
26 treatment or outpatient addiction recovery services.

27           (c) County-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
28 healthcare services, including behavioral health services,

29 primary care services, substance abuse services, and AIDS and  
 30 HIV services.

31 (d) County-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
 32 direct services to children, the elderly, or veterans.

33 (e) County-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
 34 services to victims of sexual assault or child abuse, including  
 35 crisis stabilization, counseling services, or child protection  
 36 team services.

37 (f) County-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
 38 homeless services, homeless prevention services, housing  
 39 services, or other services designed to assist individuals and  
 40 families in becoming self-sufficient.

41 (g) County-owned, county-operated, or county-contracted  
 42 vehicles or conveyances used in providing public transit, as  
 43 defined in section 341.031(6), Florida Statutes.

44 (h) The primary city hall building of a municipality or  
 45 another building designated by resolution of the governing body  
 46 of a municipality within Broward County as containing the chief  
 47 administrative offices of the municipality.

48 (i) City-owned or county-operated facilities providing  
 49 services described in paragraphs (b)-(f).

50 (j) The K.C. Wright Building chief administrative offices  
 51 of the school board.

52 (k) To the extent not held at one of the buildings or  
 53 facilities described in paragraphs (a)-(j), a meeting of the  
 54 Broward Legislative Delegation or a committee thereof.

55 (l) To the extent not held at one of the buildings or  
 56 facilities described in paragraphs (a)-(j), any meeting or event

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57 held at a public facility or building at which the Governor or  
58 members of Congress, the Legislature, the Judiciary, or the  
59 Florida Cabinet are present.

60 (2) Each building or facility listed in subsection (1)  
61 must have a sign prominently displayed at each public entrance  
62 announcing that it is unlawful to openly carry a handgun or to  
63 carry a concealed weapon or firearm onto the premises.

64 (3) This section may not be construed to prohibit a law  
65 enforcement officer, as defined in section 790.001(8), Florida  
66 Statutes, from carrying on or about his or her person, openly or  
67 concealed, weapons or firearms in the normal performance of duty  
68 or as otherwise authorized by law.

69 (4) The violation of this section is a criminal offense  
70 and misdemeanor within the meaning section 775.08, Florida  
71 Statutes, and shall be punishable as provided by general law.

72 Section 2. Section 790.33(1)-(3), Florida Statutes, does  
73 not apply to Broward County, municipalities lying within the  
74 geographic boundaries of Broward County, or the school board for  
75 the purposes of implementing this act. Broward County, each  
76 municipality within the county, and the school board may, as  
77 applicable, adopt ordinances, rules, regulations, policies,  
78 measures, orders, and other directives necessary to prohibit the  
79 carrying of handguns, concealed weapons, or firearms in the  
80 buildings or facilities described in section 1.

81 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.