

By the Committee on Judiciary; and Senators Baxley and Stargel

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to firearms; amending s. 790.06, F.S.;
3 authorizing a church, a synagogue, or other religious
4 institution to allow a concealed weapons or concealed
5 firearms licensee to carry a concealed handgun in
6 certain established physical places of worship under
7 certain circumstances; providing applicability;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 790.06, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

15 (12) (a) A license issued under this section does not
16 authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a
17 concealed weapon or firearm into:

18 1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;

19 2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;

20 3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;

21 4. Any courthouse;

22 5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section would
23 preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining
24 who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her courtroom;

25 6. Any polling place;

26 7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public
27 school district, municipality, or special district;

28 8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;

29 9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event not

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30 related to firearms;

31 10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or
32 administration building;

33 11. Any career center;

34 12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense
35 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which
36 portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such
37 purpose;

38 13. Any college or university facility unless the licensee
39 is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such
40 college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or nonlethal
41 electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes
42 and the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile;

43 14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile area
44 of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited from
45 carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm is
46 encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as
47 baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or

48 15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited
49 by federal law.

50 (b) A person licensed under this section may ~~shall~~ not be
51 prohibited from carrying or storing a firearm in a vehicle for
52 lawful purposes.

53 (c)1. Notwithstanding the prohibitions contained in this
54 subsection or s. 790.115, a church, a synagogue, or any other
55 religious institution, as that term is defined in s. 496.404,
56 may authorize a person licensed under this section to carry a
57 concealed handgun in an established physical place of worship at
58 which religious services are regularly conducted provided that:

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59 a. If such property is not owned by the religious
60 institution, the religious institution receives the permission
61 of the property owner or administrator; and

62 b. If the religious institution is using property that is
63 an elementary or secondary school facility or career center or
64 that is located on the property of a school, as defined in s.
65 790.115, the person may not carry a concealed handgun on school
66 property during school hours or during any time when curricular
67 or extracurricular school-sponsored activities are taking place
68 on the property.

69 2. This paragraph does not authorize the carrying of a
70 firearm in any place or in any manner prohibited by federal law
71 or on the property of a public or private college, university,
72 or other postsecondary educational institution.

73 (d)(e) This section does not modify the terms or conditions
74 of s. 790.251(7).

75 (e)(d) Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any
76 provision of this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second
77 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

78 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.