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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Rodriguez moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 409 and 410

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Section 9. <u>Section 790.33</u>, Florida Statutes, is repealed. Section 10. Subsection (4) of section 790.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 790.251 Protection of the right to keep and bear arms in 9 motor vehicles for self-defense and other lawful purposes; 10 prohibited acts; duty of public and private employers; immunity 11 from liability; enforcement.- Florida Senate - 2018 Bill No. CS for SB 7026



12 (4) PROHIBITED ACTS.—No public or private employer may 13 violate the constitutional rights of any customer, employee, or 14 invitee as provided in paragraphs (a)-(e):

(a) No public or private employer may prohibit any customer, employee, or invitee from possessing any legally owned firearm when such firearm is lawfully possessed and locked inside or locked to a private motor vehicle in a parking lot and when the customer, employee, or invitee is lawfully in such area.

21 (b) No public or private employer may violate the privacy 22 rights of a customer, employee, or invitee by verbal or written 23 inquiry regarding the presence of a firearm inside or locked to 24 a private motor vehicle in a parking lot or by an actual search 25 of a private motor vehicle in a parking lot to ascertain the 26 presence of a firearm within the vehicle. Further, no public or 27 private employer may take any action against a customer, 28 employee, or invitee based upon verbal or written statements of 29 any party concerning possession of a firearm stored inside a 30 private motor vehicle in a parking lot for lawful purposes. A search of a private motor vehicle in the parking lot of a public 31 32 or private employer to ascertain the presence of a firearm 33 within the vehicle may only be conducted by on-duty law 34 enforcement personnel, based upon due process and must comply with constitutional protections. 35

36 (c) No public or private employer shall condition 37 employment upon either:

The fact that an employee or prospective employee holds
or does not hold a license issued pursuant to s. 790.06; or
Any agreement by an employee or a prospective employee

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41 that prohibits an employee from keeping a legal firearm locked 42 inside or locked to a private motor vehicle in a parking lot 43 when such firearm is kept for lawful purposes.

(d) No public or private employer shall prohibit or attempt to prevent any customer, employee, or invitee from entering the parking lot of the employer's place of business because the customer's, employee's, or invitee's private motor vehicle contains a legal firearm being carried for lawful purposes, that is out of sight within the customer's, employee's, or invitee's private motor vehicle.

(e) No public or private employer may terminate the employment of or otherwise discriminate against an employee, or expel a customer or invitee for exercising his or her constitutional right to keep and bear arms or for exercising the right of self-defense as long as a firearm is never exhibited on company property for any reason other than lawful defensive purposes.

This subsection applies to all public sector employers $_{\tau}$ including those already prohibited from regulating firearms under the provisions of s. 790.33.

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