

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the safety of religious
 3 institutions; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing,
 4 for specified purposes, a concealed weapons or
 5 firearms licensee to carry a firearm on certain
 6 property of a church, a synagogue, or any other
 7 religious institution; providing an exception;
 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
 23 would preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or
 24 determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her
 25 courtroom;

- 26 6. Any polling place;
- 27 7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public
- 28 school district, municipality, or special district;
- 29 8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;
- 30 9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event not
- 31 related to firearms;
- 32 10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or
- 33 administration building;
- 34 11. Any career center;
- 35 12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense
- 36 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which
- 37 portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such
- 38 purpose;
- 39 13. Any college or university facility unless the licensee
- 40 is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such
- 41 college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or nonlethal
- 42 electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes
- 43 and the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile;
- 44 14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile area
- 45 of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited from
- 46 carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm is
- 47 encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as
- 48 baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or
- 49 15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited
- 50 by federal law.

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

54 (c) Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of
55 safety, security, personal protection, or any other lawful
56 purpose, a person licensed under this section to carry a
57 concealed weapon or firearm may carry a firearm on property
58 owned, rented, leased, borrowed, or lawfully used by a church, a
59 synagogue, or any other religious institution unless the church,
60 synagogue, or other religious institution has a policy
61 specifically prohibiting persons who are lawfully licensed under
62 this section from carrying a firearm on such property.

63 (d) ~~(e)~~ This section does not modify the terms or
64 conditions of s. 790.251(7).

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

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