By Senator Gruters

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to carrying concealed weapons and firearms in courthouses; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; revising the list of places into which a person may not carry a handgun or a concealed weapon or concealed firearm to allow judges and magistrates to carry concealed weapons and concealed firearms into any courthouse in the circuit in which they serve in such capacity; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 790.06, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or concealed firearm.—

- (12) (a) A license issued under this section does not authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a concealed weapon or concealed firearm into:
  - 1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;
  - 2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;
  - 3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;
- 4. Any courthouse, except that this section does not preclude a judge or magistrate from carrying a concealed weapon or concealed firearm into any courthouse in the circuit in which he or she serves in such capacity;
- 5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section does not preclude precludes a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or concealed firearm or determining who will carry a concealed

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weapon or concealed firearm in his or her courtroom;

- 6. Any polling place;
- 7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special district;
  - 8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;
- 9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event not related to firearms;
- 10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or administration building;
  - 11. Any career center;
- 12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such purpose;
- 13. Any college or university facility unless the licensee is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or nonlethal electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes and the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile;
- 14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile area of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited from carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm is encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or
- 15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.