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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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12 CONCEALED CARRY LICENSEE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN
13 IN THE COURTHOUSE THAT CONTAINS THE ELECTED PERSON'S
14 PRIMARY PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-122(a)(1), concerning carrying a
29 firearm in a publicly owned building or facility, is amended to read as
30 follows:

31 (a)(1) Except as provided in § 5-73-322 or § 5-73-306(5), it is
32 unlawful for any person other than a law enforcement officer or a security
33 guard in the employ of the state or an agency of the state, or any city or
34 county, or any state or federal military personnel, to knowingly carry or
35 possess a loaded firearm or other deadly weapon in any publicly owned
36 building or facility or on the State Capitol grounds.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-306(5), concerning the prohibition against carrying a concealed handgun in a courthouse, is amended to read as follows:

(5) Any courthouse, unless:

(A) The licensee is an elected official;

(B) His or her principal place of employment is within the courthouse; and

(C) The county quorum court approves a plan that permits all licensees who are local elected officials whose principal places of employment are within the courthouse to carry a concealed handgun into the courthouse;