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# A Bill

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO DEFINE "VEHICLE" AS AN EXTENSION OF A  
9 PERSON'S HOME; TO DEFINE THE TERM "JOURNEY" ACROSS  
10 ALL APPLICABLE LAWS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO DEFINE "VEHICLE" AS AN EXTENSION OF A  
15 PERSON'S HOME; AND TO DEFINE THE TERM  
16 "JOURNEY" ACROSS ALL APPLICABLE LAWS.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-101, concerning definitions to be used  
22 in regard to weapons, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as  
23 follows:

24 (12) "Journey" means a person has left his or her home or the  
25 curtilage of his or her home either on foot, horseback, bicycle, or in an  
26 automobile for any purpose or duration; and

27 (13) "Vehicle" means any automobile and is considered an  
28 extension of a person's home, with any protections that conveys.  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(b) and (c), concerning definitions  
31 and those places where a person is not prohibited from possessing a weapon,  
32 are amended to read as follows:

33 (b) As used in this section:

34 (1) "Club" means any instrument that is specially designed,  
35 made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or  
36 death by striking, including a blackjack, billie, and sap;



1           (2) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel length of less  
2 than twelve inches (12") that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with  
3 one (1) hand;

4           ~~(3) "Journey" means travel beyond the county in which a person~~  
5 ~~lives;~~ and

6           ~~(4)~~(3) "Knife" means any bladed hand instrument three inches  
7 (3") or longer that is capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death  
8 by cutting or stabbing, including a dirk, a sword or spear in a cane, a  
9 razor, an ice pick, a throwing star, a switchblade, and a butterfly knife.

10          (c) It is permissible to carry a weapon under this section if at the  
11 time of the act of carrying the weapon:

12           (1) The person is in his or her own dwelling ~~or~~, in his or her  
13 personal vehicle, in his or her place of business, or on property in which he  
14 or she has a possessory or proprietary interest;

15           (2) The person is a law enforcement officer, correctional  
16 officer, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and scope of his  
17 or her official duties;

18           (3) The person is assisting a law enforcement officer,  
19 correctional officer, or member of the armed forces acting in the course and  
20 scope of his or her official duties pursuant to the direction or request of  
21 the law enforcement officer, correctional officer, or member of the armed  
22 forces;

23           (4) The person is carrying a weapon when upon a journey, unless  
24 the journey is through a commercial airport when presenting at the security  
25 checkpoint in the airport or is in the person's checked baggage and is not a  
26 lawfully declared weapon;

27           (5) The person is a registered commissioned security guard  
28 acting in the course and scope of his or her duties;

29           (6) The person is hunting game with a handgun that may be hunted  
30 with a handgun under rules and regulations of the Arkansas State Game and  
31 Fish Commission or is en route to or from a hunting area for the purpose of  
32 hunting game with a handgun;

33           (7)(A) The person is a certified law enforcement officer, either  
34 on-duty or off-duty.

35                       (B) If the person is an off-duty law enforcement officer,  
36 he or she may be required by a public school or publicly supported

1 institution of higher education to be in physical possession of a valid  
2 identification identifying the person as a law enforcement officer;

3 (8) The person is in possession of a concealed handgun and has a  
4 valid license to carry a concealed handgun under § 5-73-301 et seq., or  
5 recognized under § 5-73-321 and is not in a prohibited place as defined by §  
6 5-73-306;

7 (9) The person is a prosecuting attorney or deputy prosecuting  
8 attorney carrying a firearm under § 16-21-147; or

9 (10) The person is in possession of a handgun and is a retired  
10 law enforcement officer with a valid concealed carry authorization issued  
11 under federal or state law.

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