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# HOUSE BILL NO. 571

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 571.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the unlawful use of weapons.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 571.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 571.030, to read as follows:

571.030. 1. A person commits the offense of unlawful use of weapons, except as otherwise provided by sections 571.101 to 571.121, if he or she knowingly:

(1) Carries concealed upon or about his or her person a knife, a firearm, a blackjack or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any area where firearms are restricted under section 571.107; or

(2) Sets a spring gun; or

(3) Discharges or shoots a firearm into a dwelling house, a railroad train, boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle as defined in section 302.010, or any building or structure used for the assembling of people; or

(4) Exhibits, in the presence of one or more persons, any weapon readily capable of lethal use in an angry or threatening manner; or

(5) Has a firearm or projectile weapon readily capable of lethal use on his or her person, while he or she is intoxicated, and handles or otherwise uses such firearm or projectile weapon in either a negligent or unlawful manner or discharges such firearm or projectile weapon unless acting in self-defense; or

(6) Discharges a firearm within one hundred yards of any occupied schoolhouse, courthouse, or church building; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (7) Discharges or shoots a firearm at a mark, at any object, or at random, on, along or  
19 across a public highway or discharges or shoots a firearm into any outbuilding; or

20 (8) Carries a firearm or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any  
21 church or place where people have assembled for worship, or into any election precinct on  
22 any election day, or into any building owned or occupied by any agency of the federal  
23 government, state government, or political subdivision thereof; or

24 (9) Discharges or shoots a firearm at or from a motor vehicle, as defined in section  
25 301.010, discharges or shoots a firearm at any person, or at any other motor vehicle, or at any  
26 building or habitable structure, unless the person was lawfully acting in self-defense; or

27 (10) Carries a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any other weapon readily  
28 capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any  
29 function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board; or

30 (11) Possesses a firearm while also knowingly in possession of a controlled substance  
31 that is sufficient for a felony violation of section 579.015.

32 2. Subdivisions (1), (8), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to the  
33 persons described in this subsection, regardless of whether such uses are reasonably  
34 associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties except as  
35 otherwise provided in this subsection. Subdivisions (3), (4), (6), (7), and (9) of subsection 1  
36 of this section shall not apply to or affect any of the following persons, when such uses are  
37 reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties,  
38 except as otherwise provided in this subsection:

39 (1) All state, county and municipal peace officers who have completed the training  
40 required by the police officer standards and training commission pursuant to sections 590.030  
41 to 590.050 and who possess the duty and power of arrest for violation of the general criminal  
42 laws of the state or for violation of ordinances of counties or municipalities of the state,  
43 whether such officers are on or off duty, and whether such officers are within or outside of the  
44 law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, or all qualified retired peace officers, as defined in  
45 subsection 12 of this section, and who carry the identification defined in subsection 13 of this  
46 section, or any person summoned by such officers to assist in making arrests or preserving the  
47 peace while actually engaged in assisting such officer;

48 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other  
49 institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of crime;

50 (3) Members of the Armed Forces or National Guard while performing their official  
51 duty;

52 (4) Those persons vested by Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of Missouri with  
53 the judicial power of the state and those persons vested by Article III of the Constitution of

54 the United States with the judicial power of the United States, the members of the federal  
55 judiciary;

56 (5) Any person whose bona fide duty is to execute process, civil or criminal;

57 (6) Any federal probation officer or federal flight deck officer as defined under the  
58 federal flight deck officer program, 49 U.S.C. Section 44921, regardless of whether such  
59 officers are on duty, or within the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction;

60 (7) Any state probation or parole officer, including supervisors and members of the  
61 parole board;

62 (8) Any corporate security advisor meeting the definition and fulfilling the  
63 requirements of the regulations established by the department of public safety under section  
64 590.750;

65 (9) Any coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or assistant medical examiner;

66 (10) Any municipal or county prosecuting attorney or assistant prosecuting attorney;  
67 circuit attorney or assistant circuit attorney; municipal, associate, or circuit judge; or any  
68 person appointed by a court to be a special prosecutor who has completed the firearms safety  
69 training course required under subsection 2 of section 571.111;

70 (11) Any member of a fire department or fire protection district who is employed on a  
71 full-time basis as a fire investigator and who has a valid concealed carry endorsement issued  
72 prior to August 28, 2013, or a valid concealed carry permit under section 571.111 when such  
73 uses are reasonably associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official  
74 duties; and

75 (12) Upon the written approval of the governing body of a fire department or fire  
76 protection district, any paid fire department or fire protection district member who is  
77 employed on a full-time basis and who has a valid concealed carry endorsement issued prior  
78 to August 28, 2013, or a valid concealed carry permit, when such uses are reasonably  
79 associated with or are necessary to the fulfillment of such person's official duties.

80 3. Subdivisions (1), (5), (8), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section do not apply  
81 when the actor is transporting such weapons in a nonfunctioning state or in an unloaded state  
82 when ammunition is not readily accessible or when such weapons are not readily accessible.  
83 Subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section does not apply to any person nineteen years of  
84 age or older or eighteen years of age or older and a member of the United States Armed  
85 Forces, or honorably discharged from the United States Armed Forces, transporting a  
86 concealable firearm in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, so long as such  
87 concealable firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed, nor when the actor is also in possession  
88 of an exposed firearm or projectile weapon for the lawful pursuit of game, or is in his or her  
89 dwelling unit or upon premises over which the actor has possession, authority or control, or is  
90 traveling in a continuous journey peaceably through this state. Subdivision (10) of subsection

91 1 of this section does not apply if the firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed by a person  
92 while traversing school premises for the purposes of transporting a student to or from school,  
93 or possessed by an adult for the purposes of facilitation of a school-sanctioned firearm-related  
94 event or club event.

95 4. Subdivisions (1), (8), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to any  
96 person who has a valid concealed carry permit issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to  
97 571.121, a valid concealed carry endorsement issued before August 28, 2013, or a valid  
98 permit or endorsement to carry concealed firearms issued by another state or political  
99 subdivision of another state.

100 5. Subdivisions (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section  
101 shall not apply to persons who are engaged in a lawful act of defense pursuant to section  
102 563.031.

103 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, the state shall not  
104 prohibit any state employee from having a firearm in the employee's vehicle on the state's  
105 property provided that the vehicle is locked and the firearm is not visible. This subsection  
106 shall only apply to the state as an employer when the state employee's vehicle is on property  
107 owned or leased by the state and the state employee is conducting activities within the scope  
108 of his or her employment. For the purposes of this subsection, "state employee" means an  
109 employee of the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the government of the state of  
110 Missouri.

111 7. **(1) Subdivision (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to a person**  
112 **who is a school officer commissioned by the district school board under section 162.215**  
113 **or who is a school protection officer, as described under section 160.665.**

114 **(2)** Nothing in this section shall make it unlawful for a student to actually participate  
115 in school-sanctioned gun safety courses, student military or ROTC courses, or other school-  
116 sponsored or club-sponsored firearm-related events, provided the student does not carry a  
117 firearm or other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or  
118 onto the premises of any other function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials  
119 or the district school board.

120 8. A person who commits the crime of unlawful use of weapons under:

121 (1) Subdivision (2), (3), (4), or (11) of subsection 1 of this section shall be guilty of a  
122 class E felony;

123 (2) Subdivision (1), (6), (7), or (8) of subsection 1 of this section shall be guilty of a  
124 class B misdemeanor, except when a concealed weapon is carried onto any private property  
125 whose owner has posted the premises as being off-limits to concealed firearms by means of  
126 one or more signs displayed in a conspicuous place of a minimum size of eleven inches by

127 fourteen inches with the writing thereon in letters of not less than one inch, in which case the  
128 penalties of subsection 2 of section 571.107 shall apply;

129 (3) Subdivision (5) or (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall be guilty of a class A  
130 misdemeanor if the firearm is unloaded and a class E felony if the firearm is loaded;

131 (4) Subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section shall be guilty of a class B felony,  
132 except that if the violation of subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section results in injury or  
133 death to another person, it is a class A felony.

134 9. Violations of subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section shall be punished as  
135 follows:

136 (1) For the first violation a person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term  
137 of imprisonment for a class B felony;

138 (2) For any violation by a prior offender as defined in section 558.016, a person shall  
139 be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony without  
140 the possibility of parole, probation or conditional release for a term of ten years;

141 (3) For any violation by a persistent offender as defined in section 558.016, a person  
142 shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony  
143 without the possibility of parole, probation, or conditional release;

144 (4) For any violation which results in injury or death to another person, a person shall  
145 be sentenced to an authorized disposition for a class A felony.

146 10. Any person knowingly aiding or abetting any other person in the violation of  
147 subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section shall be subject to the same penalty as that  
148 prescribed by this section for violations by other persons.

149 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person who pleads guilty to or is  
150 found guilty of a felony violation of subsection 1 of this section shall receive a suspended  
151 imposition of sentence if such person has previously received a suspended imposition of  
152 sentence for any other firearms- or weapons-related felony offense.

153 12. As used in this section "qualified retired peace officer" means an individual who:

154 (1) Retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a peace officer,  
155 other than for reasons of mental instability;

156 (2) Before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the  
157 prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for,  
158 any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

159 (3) Before such retirement, was regularly employed as a peace officer for an  
160 aggregate of fifteen years or more, or retired from service with such agency, after completing  
161 any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as  
162 determined by such agency;

163 (4) Has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency if  
164 such a plan is available;

165 (5) During the most recent twelve-month period, has met, at the expense of the  
166 individual, the standards for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry  
167 firearms;

168 (6) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug  
169 or substance; and

170 (7) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.

171 13. The identification required by subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section is:

172 (1) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual  
173 retired from service as a peace officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently  
174 than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or  
175 otherwise found by the agency to meet the standards established by the agency for training  
176 and qualification for active peace officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed  
177 firearm; or

178 (2) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual  
179 retired from service as a peace officer; and

180 (3) A certification issued by the state in which the individual resides that indicates  
181 that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is  
182 carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the state to meet the  
183 standards established by the state for training and qualification for active peace officers to  
184 carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

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