

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 40

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021,  
8 Section 1289.7a, which relates to transporting or  
9 storing firearms; removing liability provision;  
10 prohibiting the establishment or enforcement of  
11 certain policy; removing exception and applicability  
12 provision; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.22,  
13 which relates to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;  
14 clarifying certain prohibited conduct and exception;  
15 providing for the filing of a civil action; directing  
16 court to award damages and fees; providing an  
17 exception; clarifying liability provisions; allowing  
18 for the transport of firearms or legal weapons in  
19 motor vehicle; defining term; and providing an  
20 effective date.

21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1289.7a, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 1289.7a. A. No person, property owner, tenant,  
25 employer, or business entity shall maintain, establish, or enforce  
26 any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person,  
27 except a convicted felon, from transporting and storing firearms or  
28 ammunition in a locked motor vehicle, or from transporting and

1 storing firearms or ammunition locked in or locked to a motor  
2 vehicle on any property set aside for any motor vehicle.

3 B. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, or business  
4 entity shall ~~be liable in any civil action for occurrences which~~  
5 ~~result from the storing of~~ establish or enforce any policy or rule  
6 that prohibits any person or employee, except a convicted felon,  
7 from transporting, carrying, or storing firearms or ammunition in a  
8 locked motor vehicle on any property set aside for any motor  
9 vehicle, ~~unless the person, property owner, tenant, employer, or~~  
10 ~~owner of the business entity commits a criminal act involving the~~  
11 ~~use of the firearms or ammunition. The provisions of this~~  
12 ~~subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers'~~  
13 ~~Compensation Act~~ or a motor vehicle owned, leased, or rented by the  
14 person or employee to conduct business for the business entity.

15 C. An individual may bring a civil action to enforce this  
16 section. If a plaintiff prevails in a civil action related to the  
17 personnel manual against a person, property owner, tenant, employer,  
18 or business for a violation of this section, the court shall award  
19 actual damages, enjoin further violations of this section, and award  
20 court costs and attorney fees to the prevailing plaintiff.

21 D. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
22 automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, motorcycle,  
23 motor scooter, and any other vehicle required to be registered under  
24 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1290.22, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 1290.22.

4 BUSINESS PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNER'S RIGHTS

5 A. Except as provided in subsections B, C, and D of this  
6 section, nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-  
7 Defense Act shall be construed to limit, restrict, or prohibit in  
8 any manner the existing rights of any person, property owner,  
9 tenant, employer, liquor store, place of worship, or business entity  
10 to control the possession of weapons on any property owned or  
11 controlled by the person or business entity.

12 B. 1. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, liquor  
13 store, holder of an event permit, place of worship, or business  
14 entity shall be permitted to establish any policy or rule that has  
15 the effect of prohibiting prohibits any person, except a convicted  
16 felon, from transporting and storing firearms in a locked motor  
17 vehicle on any property set aside for any motor vehicle or from  
18 transporting, carrying, or storing firearms or ammunition in a motor  
19 vehicle owned, leased, or rented by the person or employee while  
20 conducting business for the business entity.

21 2. An individual may bring a civil action to enforce the  
22 provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection. If a plaintiff  
23 prevails in a civil action against a person, property owner, tenant,  
24 employer, liquor store, place of worship, or business entity for a

1 policy or rule that violates paragraph 1 of this subsection, the  
2 court shall award actual damages, enjoin further violations of  
3 paragraph 1 of this subsection, and award court costs and attorney  
4 fees to the prevailing plaintiff. The provisions of this subsection  
5 shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Administrative Workers'  
6 Compensation Act.

7 C. A property owner, tenant, employer, liquor store, place of  
8 worship, or business entity may prohibit any person from carrying a  
9 concealed or unconcealed firearm on the property. If the building  
10 or property is open to the public, the property owner, tenant,  
11 employer, liquor store, place of worship, or business entity shall  
12 post signs on or about the property stating such prohibition.

13 D. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, liquor store,  
14 holder of an event permit, place of worship, or business entity  
15 shall be permitted to establish any policy or rule that has the  
16 effect of prohibiting any person from carrying a concealed or  
17 unconcealed firearm on property within the specific exclusion  
18 provided for in paragraph 4 of subsection B of Section 1277 of this  
19 title; provided that carrying a concealed or unconcealed firearm may  
20 be prohibited in the following places:

21 1. The portion of a public property structure or building  
22 during an event authorized by the city, town, county, state, or  
23 federal governmental authority owning or controlling such building  
24 or structure;

1           2. Any public property sports field including any adjacent  
2 seating or adjacent area set aside for viewing a sporting event,  
3 where an elementary or secondary school, collegiate, or professional  
4 sporting event,    or an International Olympic Committee or  
5 organization,    or any committee subordinate to the International  
6 Olympic Committee event is being held;

7           3. The fairgrounds during the Oklahoma State Fair or the Tulsa  
8 State Fair; and

9           4. The portion of a public property structure or building that  
10 is leased or under contract to a business or not-for-profit entity  
11 or group for offices.

12           E. The otherwise lawful carrying of a concealed or unconcealed  
13 firearm by a person on property that has signs prohibiting the  
14 carrying of firearms shall subject the person to being denied  
15 entrance onto the property or removed from the property. If the  
16 person:

17           1. Has been informed by the property owner, business entity,    or  
18 manager of the business that the person is in violation of a policy  
19 that prohibits firearms on the property; and

20           2. Refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is  
21 summoned,  
22 the person shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor  
23 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars  
24 (\$250.00).

1 F. A person, property owner, tenant, employer, liquor store,  
2 holder of an event permit, place of worship, or business entity that  
3 does or does not prohibit any individual, except a convicted felon,  
4 from carrying a loaded or unloaded, concealed or unconcealed weapon  
5 on property that the person, property owner, tenant, employer,  
6 liquor store, holder of an event permit, place of worship, or  
7 business entity owns, or has legal control of, ~~is immune from~~ shall  
8 not be subject to any liability arising from that decision. Except  
9 for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, an  
10 employer who does or does not prohibit his or her employees from  
11 carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon ~~is immune from~~ shall not  
12 be subject to any liability arising from that decision. A person,  
13 property owner, tenant, employer, liquor store, holder of an event  
14 permit, place of worship, or business entity that does not prohibit  
15 persons from carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon pursuant to  
16 subsection D of this section shall not be ~~immune from~~ subject to any  
17 liability arising from the carrying of a concealed or unconcealed  
18 weapon, while in the scope of employment, on the property or in or  
19 about a business entity motor vehicle. Any employee, using his or  
20 her own private motor vehicle or a motor vehicle that is personally  
21 rented or leased by the employee, may transport a firearm or other  
22 legal weapon in the motor vehicle while conducting business for the  
23 business entity and shall not be prohibited from transporting such  
24 firearm or weapon by any policy or rule of the business entity. The

1 provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to  
2 the Administrative Workers' Compensation Act.

3 G. It shall not be considered part of an employee's job  
4 description or within the employee's scope of employment if an  
5 employee is allowed to carry or discharge a weapon pursuant to this  
6 section.

7 H. Nothing in subsections F and G of this section shall prevent  
8 an employer, employee, or person who has suffered loss resulting  
9 from the discharge of a weapon to seek redress or damages of the  
10 person who discharged the weapon or used the weapon outside the  
11 provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act.

12 I. As used in this section, "motor vehicle" means any  
13 automobile, truck, minivan, sports utility vehicle, motorcycle,  
14 motor scooter, and any other vehicle required to be registered under  
15 the Oklahoma Vehicle License and Registration Act.

16 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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