

CONCEALED FIREARM AMENDMENTS

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions of Title 76, Chapter 10, Part 5, Weapons, related to conduct involving the carrying of a concealed firearm.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

► provides an exemption for a person, who is 21 years of age or older and who may lawfully possess a firearm, from certain criminal provisions related to the carrying of an unloaded concealed firearm.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-10-505, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2009, Chapter 362

76-10-505.5, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 301

76-10-523, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2014, Chapter 248

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-10-505** is amended to read:



28 **76-10-505. Carrying loaded firearm in vehicle or on street.**

29 (1) Unless otherwise authorized by law, a person may not carry a loaded firearm:

30 (a) in or on a vehicle, unless:

31 (i) the vehicle is in the person's lawful possession; or

32 (ii) the person is carrying the loaded firearm in a vehicle with the consent of the person
33 lawfully in possession of the vehicle;

34 (b) on a public street; or

35 (c) in a posted prohibited area.

36 (2) Subsection (1)(a) does not apply to a minor under 18 years of age, since a minor
37 under 18 years of age may not carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle.

38 (3) Notwithstanding [~~Subsection~~] Subsections (1)(a)(i) and (ii), and Subsection
39 76-10-523(3), a person may not possess a loaded rifle, shotgun, or muzzle-loading rifle in a
40 vehicle.

41 (4) A violation of this section is a class B misdemeanor.

42 Section 2. Section **76-10-505.5** is amended to read:

43 **76-10-505.5. Possession of a dangerous weapon, firearm, or sawed-off shotgun on**
44 **or about school premises -- Penalties.**

45 (1) As used in this section, "on or about school premises" means:

46 (a) (i) in a public or private elementary or secondary school; or

47 (ii) on the grounds of any of those schools;

48 (b) (i) in a public or private institution of higher education; or

49 (ii) on the grounds of a public or private institution of higher education; and

50 (iii) (A) inside the building where a preschool or child care is being held, if the entire
51 building is being used for the operation of the preschool or child care; or

52 (B) if only a portion of a building is being used to operate a preschool or child care, in
53 that room or rooms where the preschool or child care operation is being held.

54 (2) A person may not possess any dangerous weapon, firearm, or [~~short barreled~~]
55 sawed-off shotgun, as those terms are defined in Section 76-10-501, at a place that the person
56 knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is on or about school premises as defined in this
57 section.

58 (3) (a) Possession of a dangerous weapon on or about school premises is a class B

59 misdemeanor.

60 (b) Possession of a firearm or [~~short barreled~~] sawed-off shotgun on or about school
61 premises is a class A misdemeanor.

62 (4) This section does not apply if:

63 (a) the person is authorized to possess a firearm as provided under Section [53-5-704](#),
64 [53-5-705](#), or [76-10-511](#)[;] or Subsection 76-10-523(1) or (2), or as otherwise authorized by
65 law;

66 (b) the possession is approved by the responsible school administrator;

67 (c) the item is present or to be used in connection with a lawful, approved activity and
68 is in the possession or under the control of the person responsible for its possession or use; or

69 (d) the possession is:

70 (i) at the person's place of residence or on the person's property; or

71 (ii) in any vehicle lawfully under the person's control, other than a vehicle owned by
72 the school or used by the school to transport students.

73 (5) This section does not prohibit prosecution of a more serious weapons offense that
74 may occur on or about school premises.

75 Section 3. Section **76-10-523** is amended to read:

76 **76-10-523. Persons exempt from weapons laws.**

77 (1) Except for Sections [76-10-506](#), [76-10-508](#), and [76-10-508.1](#), this part and Title 53,
78 Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act, do not apply to any of the following:

79 (a) a United States marshal;

80 (b) a federal official required to carry a firearm;

81 (c) a peace officer of this or any other jurisdiction;

82 (d) a law enforcement official as defined and qualified under Section [53-5-711](#);

83 (e) a judge as defined and qualified under Section [53-5-711](#); or

84 (f) a common carrier while engaged in the regular and ordinary transport of firearms as
85 merchandise.

86 (2) The provisions of Subsections [76-10-504\(1\)](#) and (2), and Section [76-10-505](#) do not
87 apply to any person to whom a permit to carry a concealed firearm has been issued:

88 (a) pursuant to Section [53-5-704](#); or

89 (b) by another state or county.

90 (3) Except for Sections [76-10-503](#), [76-10-506](#), [76-10-508](#), and [76-10-508.1](#), this part
91 and Title 53, Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act, do not apply to a nonresident traveling
92 in or through the state, provided that any firearm is:

93 (a) unloaded; and

94 (b) securely encased as defined in Section [76-10-501](#).

95 (4) Subsection [76-10-504\(1\)](#) does not apply to a person 21 years of age or older who
96 may lawfully possess a firearm, as long as the firearm is not loaded.

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