1	AIRPORT WEAPON POSSESSION AMENDMENTS
2	2024 GENERAL SESSION
3	STATE OF UTAH
4	Chief Sponsor: Stephanie Gricius
5	Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins
6 7	LONG TITLE
8	General Description:
9	This bill concerns weapon possession at an airport.
10	Highlighted Provisions:
11	This bill:
12	• establishes, with a sunset date, law enforcement reporting requirements concerning
13	the possession of certain types of dangerous weapons in a secure area of an airport;
14	 requires the State Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to receive, compile,
15	and publish data concerning offenses involving the possession of a dangerous
16	weapon in a secure area of an airport;
17	 adds criminal negligence as a culpable mental state for the possession of a
18	dangerous weapon in a secure area of an airport;
19	 provides limitations on the punishment for certain violations resulting from the
20	possession of a dangerous weapon in a secure area of an airport;
21	 provides, under certain circumstances, that an actor in possession of a dangerous
22	weapon in a secure area of the airport may return to a non-secure area of the airport
23	with the dangerous weapon or may check the dangerous weapon into the custody of
24	the law enforcement agency to be retrieved at a later date;
25	requires a law enforcement agency to take certain actions regarding the retrieval of a
26	dangerous weapon;

• provides limitations on certain local entities regarding criminal prosecution, civil



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28	remedies, or other actions resulting from the possession of certain items at an airport; and
29	 provides technical and conforming changes.
30	Money Appropriated in this Bill:
31	None
32	Other Special Clauses:
33	This bill provides a special effective date.
34	Utah Code Sections Affected:
35	AMENDS:
36	63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7,
37	21, 33, 142, 167, 168, 380, 383, and 467
38	63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24), as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 7, 21,
39	33, 142, 167, 168, 310, 380, 383, and 467
40	631-2-276, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 301
41	76-10-529, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapter 422
42	ENACTS:
43	53-25-102 , Utah Code Annotated 1953
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             (i) the number of issued written warnings; and
             (ii) if applicable, the number of issued citations, including the number of individuals
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      who have received more than one citation for the offense.
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             (3) The commission shall:
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             (a) develop a standardized format for reporting the data described in Subsection (2);
             (b) compile the data submitted under Subsection (2): and
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             (c) annually on or before August 1, publish a report of the data described in Subsection
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      (2) on the commission's website.
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              Section 2. Section 63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24) is amended to read:
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             63I-2-253 (Superseded 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.
             (1) Section 53-1-118 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
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             (2) Section 53-1-120 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
             (3) Section 53-7-109 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
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             (4) Section 53-22-104 is repealed December 31, 2023.
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             (5) Section 53-25-102 is repealed on December 31, 2031.
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             [<del>(5)</del>] (6) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024.
             [(6)] (7) Section 53B-7-707 regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is
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      repealed July 1, 2023.
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              [\frac{7}{1}] (8) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024.
             [<del>(8)</del>] (9) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are
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      repealed on July 1, 2023:
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             (a) in Subsection 53B-8-105(12), the language that states, "or any scholarship
      established under Sections 53B-8-202 through 53B-8-205";
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             (b) Section 53B-8-202;
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             (c) Section 53B-8-203;
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             (d) Section 53B-8-204; and
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             (e) Section 53B-8-205.
             [9] (10) Section 53B-10-101 is repealed on July 1, 2027.
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             [(10)] (11) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(s) regarding the report by the Educational
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      Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024.
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              [(11)] (12) Section 53E-1-202.2, regarding a Public Education Appropriations
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- 90 Subcommittee evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024.
- 91 [(12)] (13) Section 53F-2-209, regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility,
- 92 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 93 $\left[\frac{(13)}{(14)}\right]$ Subsection 53F-2-314(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the
- at-risk WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024.
- 95 [(14)] (15) Section 53F-2-524, regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments,
- 96 is repealed July 1, 2024.
- 97 [(15)] (16) Section 53F-5-221, regarding a management of energy and water pilot
- program, is repealed July 1, 2028.
- 99 [(16)] (17) Section 53F-9-401 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 100 [(17)] (18) Section 53F-9-403 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 101 [(18)] (19) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
- 102 Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
- Section 36-12-12, make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified
- in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the
- Legislature's intent.
- Section 3. Section **63I-2-253** (Effective **07/01/24**) is amended to read:
- 107 63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24). Repeal dates: Titles 53 through 53G.
- 108 (1) Subsection 53-1-104(1)(b), regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed
- 109 July 1, 2024.
- 110 (2) Section 53-1-118 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 111 (3) Section 53-1-120 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
- 112 (4) Section 53-2d-107, regarding the Air Ambulance Committee, is repealed July 1,
- 113 2024.
- 114 (5) In relation to the Air Ambulance Committee, on July 1, 2024, Subsection
- 115 53-2d-702(1)(a) is amended to read:
- "(a) provide the patient or the patient's representative with the following information
- before contacting an air medical transport provider:
- (i) which health insurers in the state the air medical transport provider contracts with;
- (ii) if sufficient data is available, the average charge for air medical transport services
- 120 for a patient who is uninsured or out of network; and

121 (iii) whether the air medical transport provider balance bills a patient for any charge not 122 paid by the patient's health insurer; and". 123 (6) Section 53-7-109 is repealed on July 1, 2024. 124 (7) Section 53-22-104 is repealed December 31, 2023. 125 (8) Section 53-25-102 is repealed on December 31, 2031. 126 [(8)] (9) Section 53B-6-105.7 is repealed July 1, 2024. 127 [(9)] (10) Section 53B-7-707 regarding performance metrics for technical colleges is 128 repealed July 1, 2023. 129 $[\frac{(10)}{(11)}]$ (11) Section 53B-8-114 is repealed July 1, 2024. 130 [(11)] (12) The following provisions, regarding the Regents' scholarship program, are 131 repealed on July 1, 2023: 132 (a) in Subsection 53B-8-105(12), the language that states, "or any scholarship 133 established under Sections 53B-8-202 through 53B-8-205"; 134 (b) Section 53B-8-202; 135 (c) Section 53B-8-203; 136 (d) Section 53B-8-204; and 137 (e) Section 53B-8-205. 138 $[\frac{(12)}{(13)}]$ (13) Section 53B-10-101 is repealed on July 1, 2027. 139 [(13)] (14) Subsection 53E-1-201(1)(s) regarding the report by the Educational 140 Interpretation and Translation Services Procurement Advisory Council is repealed July 1, 2024. 141 [(14)] (15) Section 53E-1-202.2, regarding a Public Education Appropriations 142 Subcommittee evaluation and recommendations, is repealed January 1, 2024. 143 [(15)] (16) Section 53F-2-209, regarding local education agency budgetary flexibility, 144 is repealed July 1, 2024. 145 [(16)] (17) Subsection 53F-2-314(4), relating to a one-time expenditure between the 146 at-risk WPU add-on funding and previous at-risk funding, is repealed January 1, 2024. 147 [(17)] (18) Section 53F-2-524, regarding teacher bonuses for extra work assignments, 148 is repealed July 1, 2024. 149 [(18)] (19) Section 53F-5-221, regarding a management of energy and water pilot 150 program, is repealed July 1, 2028. 151 [(19)] (20) Section 53F-9-401 is repealed on July 1, 2024.

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weapon; or

152	[(20)] <u>(21)</u> Section 53F-9-403 is repealed on July 1, 2024.
153	[(21)] (22) On July 1, 2023, when making changes in this section, the Office of
154	Legislative Research and General Counsel shall, in addition to the office's authority under
155	Section 36-12-12, make corrections necessary to ensure that sections and subsections identified
156	in this section are complete sentences and accurately reflect the office's perception of the
157	Legislature's intent.
158	Section 4. Section 63I-2-276 is amended to read:
159	63I-2-276. Repeal dates: Title 76.
160	(1) Subsection 76-5-102.7(2)(b), regarding assault or threat of violence against an
161	owner, employee, or contractor of a health facility, is repealed January 1, 2027.
162	(2) Section 76-7-305.7 is repealed January 1, 2023.
163	(3) Subsection 76-10-529(10), regarding data collection requirements, is repealed on
164	December 31, 2031.
165	Section 5. Section 76-10-529 is amended to read:
166	76-10-529. Possession of firearms, other dangerous weapons, or explosives in
167	airport secure areas prohibited Punishment limitations Reporting requirement.
168	(1) (a) As used in this section:
169	(i) "Airport authority" has the same meaning as defined in Section 72-10-102.
170	(ii) "Explosive" is the same as defined for "explosive, chemical, or incendiary device"
171	in Section 76-10-306.
172	(iii) "Law enforcement officer" means the same as that term is defined in Section
173	53-13-103.
174	(b) Terms defined in Sections 76-1-101.5 and 76-10-501 apply to this section.
175	(2) (a) Within a secure area of an airport established pursuant to this section, [a person]
176	an actor, including [a person] an actor licensed to carry a concealed firearm under Title 53,
177	Chapter 5, Part 7, Concealed Firearm Act, is guilty of:
178	(i) a class A misdemeanor if the [person] actor knowingly or intentionally possesses
179	[any dangerous weapon or] a firearm or other dangerous weapon;
180	(ii) subject to Subsection (6), an infraction if the [person] actor recklessly or with

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183	(iii) a violation of Section 76-10-306 if the [person] actor transports, possesses,
184	distributes, or sells [any] an explosive, chemical, or incendiary device.
185	(b) Subsection (2)(a) does not apply to:
186	(i) [persons] individuals exempted under Section 76-10-523; and
187	(ii) [members] a member of the state or federal military forces while engaged in the
188	performance of [their] the member's official duties.
189	(3) An airport authority, county, [or] municipality, or other entity regulating [the] an
190	airport may:
191	(a) establish [any] a secure area located beyond the main area where the public
192	generally buys tickets, checks and retrieves luggage; and
193	(b) use reasonable means, including mechanical, electronic, x-ray, or [any other]
194	another device, to detect [dangerous weapons,] firearms, other dangerous weapons, or
195	explosives concealed in baggage or upon the person of [any] an individual attempting to enter
196	the secure area.
197	(4) At least one notice shall be prominently displayed at each entrance to a secure area
198	in which a [dangerous weapon,] firearm, other dangerous weapon, or explosive is restricted.
199	(5) [Upon] In accordance with Subsection (7), upon the discovery of [any dangerous
200	weapon,] a firearm, other dangerous weapon, or explosive, the airport authority, county, [or]
201	municipality, or other entity regulating the airport, or the employees[7] or other personnel
202	administering the secure area may:
203	(a) require the individual to deliver the item to the air freight office or airline ticket
204	counter;
205	(b) require the individual to exit the secure area; or
206	(c) obtain possession or retain custody of the item until [it] the item is transferred to
207	law enforcement officers.
208	(6) (a) An actor who violates Subsection (2)(a)(ii) on a first offense may receive a
209	written warning for the offense and may not receive a citation or any other form of punishment
210	(b) An actor who violates Subsection (2)(a)(ii) on a second or subsequent offense may
211	receive a written warning or a citation.
212	(7) (a) If a law enforcement officer issues a citation to an actor for an infraction as a
213	result of the actor's conduct described in Subsection (2)(a)(ii), or provides an oral or written

214	warning for that conduct, the law enforcement officer shall:
215	(i) if the law enforcement officer is able to confirm that the actor may lawfully possess
216	the firearm or other dangerous weapon, allow the actor, at the actor's option, to:
217	(A) check the firearm or other dangerous weapon into the custody of the law
218	enforcement agency so that the firearm or other dangerous weapon may be retrieved by the
219	actor at a later date; or
220	(B) exit the secure area of the airport with the firearm or other dangerous weapon; or
221	(ii) if the law enforcement officer is unable to confirm that the actor may lawfully
222	possess the firearm or other dangerous weapon, check the firearm or other dangerous weapon
223	into the custody of the law enforcement agency so that the firearm or other dangerous weapon
224	may be retrieved by the actor at a later date if legally permitted to do so.
225	(b) If a law enforcement officer checks a firearm or other dangerous weapon into the
226	custody of a law enforcement agency under Subsection (7)(a):
227	(i) at the time the firearm or other dangerous weapon is obtained from the actor, the
228	law enforcement officer, or another law enforcement officer, or an employee who works in the
229	secure area of the airport, shall provide the actor with written instructions on how, when, and
230	where the actor may retrieve the actor's firearm or other dangerous weapon; and
231	(ii) within 72 hours from the time when the law enforcement officer receives the
232	firearm or other dangerous weapon, the law enforcement agency shall determine whether the
233	actor is legally permitted to possess the firearm or other dangerous weapon, and if so, ensure
234	that the firearm or other dangerous weapon is available for the actor to retrieve.
235	[(6)] (8) (a) An individual who is prosecuted for a violation of this section based on the
236	possession of a firearm shall have the individual's firearm returned to the individual in
237	accordance with Subsection 77-11a-402(1)(b) if the individual may lawfully possess the
238	firearm.
239	(b) In accordance with Subsection 77-11b-102(5), a firearm seized under this section is
240	not subject to forfeiture if the charged individual may lawfully possess the firearm.
241	(c) In a prosecution brought under this section, a prosecutor may not condition a plea
242	on the forfeiture of a firearm.
243	(9) An airport authority county municipality or other entity regulating an airport or

with local jurisdiction over an airport may not:

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245	(a) charge, cite, or prosecute an actor with a different offense under the Utah Code,
246	local ordinance, or another state or local law or regulation for conduct described in Subsection
247	(2)(a)(ii);
248	(b) assess a civil penalty for conduct described in Subsection (2)(a)(i) or (ii); or
249	(c) enact a regulation, ordinance, or law covering conduct described in Subsection (2).
250	(10) A law enforcement agency that issues a written warning, citation, or referral for
251	prosecution under this section shall record and report the information as required under Section
252	<u>53-25-102.</u>
253	Section 6. Effective date.
254	(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), this bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.
255	(2) The actions affecting Section 63I-2-253 (Effective 07/01/24) take effect on July 1,
256	2024.