

By Senator Mayfield

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the safety of religious  
3           institutions; amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a  
4           church, a synagogue, or other religious institution to  
5           allow a concealed weapons or concealed firearms  
6           licensee to carry a firearm on the property of that  
7           church, synagogue, or other religious institution for  
8           certain purposes; authorizing a private school or a  
9           religious school to designate a person to carry a  
10          firearm on that school's property; requiring the  
11          governing board or body of such school to create  
12          certain policies and procedures if it designates such  
13          person; providing an effective date.

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15 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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17           Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 790.06, Florida  
18           Statutes, is amended to read:

19           790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

20           (12) (a) A license issued under this section does not  
21           authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a  
22           concealed weapon or firearm into:

23           1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;

24           2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;

25           3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;

26           4. Any courthouse;

27           5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section would  
28           preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or determining  
29           who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her courtroom;

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- 30           6. Any polling place;
- 31           7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public
- 32 school district, municipality, or special district;
- 33           8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;
- 34           9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event not
- 35 related to firearms;
- 36           10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or
- 37 administration building;
- 38           11. Any career center;
- 39           12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense
- 40 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which
- 41 portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such
- 42 purpose;
- 43           13. Any college or university facility unless the licensee
- 44 is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such
- 45 college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or nonlethal
- 46 electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes
- 47 and the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile;
- 48           14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile area
- 49 of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited from
- 50 carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm is
- 51 encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as
- 52 baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or
- 53           15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited
- 54 by federal law.
- 55           (b) A person licensed under this section may ~~shall~~ not be
- 56 prohibited from carrying or storing a firearm in a vehicle for
- 57 lawful purposes.
- 58           (c) Notwithstanding any other law, for the purposes of

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59 safety, security, personal protection, or other lawful purposes:

60 1. A church, a synagogue, or any other religious  
61 institution may authorize a person licensed under this section  
62 to carry a firearm on property owned, rented, leased, borrowed,  
63 or otherwise lawfully used by the church, synagogue, or other  
64 religious institution.

65 2. A private school or a religious school may designate a  
66 person to carry a firearm on the property of that school. If a  
67 private school or a religious school chooses to designate a  
68 person, the governing board or body of that school must create  
69 policies and procedures the designee must meet.

70 (d)~~(e)~~ This section does not modify the terms or conditions  
71 of s. 790.251(7).

72 (e)~~(d)~~ Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any  
73 provision of this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second  
74 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

75 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.