

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to safety of religious institutions;
 3 amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a church, a
 4 synagogue, or any other religious institution to allow
 5 a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to
 6 carry a firearm on its property for certain purposes;
 7 specifying a property owner who allows a church,
 8 synagogue, or other religious institution to use his
 9 or her property may prohibit the church, synagogue, or
 10 other religious institution from authorizing a person
 11 to carry a firearm on the property; providing an
 12 effective date.

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

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

18 790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

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

- 22 1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;
- 23 2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;
- 24 3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;
- 25 4. Any courthouse;

- 26 5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section
27 would preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or
28 determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her
29 courtroom;
- 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)1. Notwithstanding ss. 790.06(12)(a)10. and 790.115,
 59 for the purposes of safety, security, personal protection, or
 60 other lawful purposes, a church, synagogue, or any other
 61 religious institution may authorize a person licensed under this
 62 section to carry a firearm on property owned, rented, leased, or
 63 lawfully used by the church, synagogue, or other religious
 64 institution.

65 2. A property owner who rents, leases, or otherwise allows
 66 a church, synagogue, or other religious institution to use his
 67 or her property may, as a condition of use, prohibit the church,
 68 synagogue, or other religious institution from authorizing a
 69 person licensed under this section to carry a firearm on the
 70 property.

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

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

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76 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020. |