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SUMMARY

- Allows a concealed handgun licensee to carry a concealed handgun into a state or local government facility if the licensee is a member of the General Assembly, a statewide elected official, a judge, or a magistrate and is carrying validating identification and a valid concealed handgun license.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Concealed carry

Subject to certain exceptions, a person who has been issued a concealed handgun license or temporary emergency concealed handgun license may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Ohio if the license is valid when the licensee is in actual possession of a concealed handgun.¹

A person who is a qualifying adult may carry a concealed handgun that is not a restricted firearm anywhere in Ohio in which a person who has been issued a concealed handgun license may carry a concealed handgun.²

For any section of the Revised Code that refers to a concealed handgun license or concealed handgun licensee, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise, both of the following apply: (1) a person who is a qualifying adult and is carrying or has, concealed on the person's person or ready at hand, a handgun that is not a restricted firearm, is deemed to have been issued a valid concealed handgun license, and (2) provisions that refer to a concealed handgun licensee are construed to refer to a qualifying adult.³

¹ R.C. 2923.126(A); R.C. 2923.125 and 2923.1213, not in the bill.

² R.C. 2923.111(A) and (B), not in the bill.

³ R.C. 2923.111(C)(1), not in the bill.

Carrying in a state or local government facility

A valid concealed handgun license does not authorize a concealed handgun licensee to carry a concealed handgun into any building that is a “government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state” and that is not either of the following:⁴

- A building that is primarily used as a shelter, restroom, parking facility, or rest facility;
- A courthouse or other building or structure in which a courtroom is located.

The bill allows a concealed handgun licensee to carry a concealed handgun into a building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state if both of the following apply:⁵

- The licensee is a person who has been issued a concealed handgun license or temporary emergency concealed handgun license, not a person merely deemed to have been issued a valid concealed handgun license.
- The licensee is a member of the General Assembly, a statewide elected official, a judge, or a magistrate and when carrying a concealed handgun in a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state and is carrying “validating identification” and a valid concealed handgun license.

Under continuing law, a concealed handgun licensee (or qualifying adult by reference) is allowed to carry a concealed handgun into a building that is a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state if the governing body with authority over the building has enacted a statute, ordinance, or policy that permits a concealed handgun licensee (or qualifying adult by reference) to carry a concealed handgun in the government facility.⁶

Definitions

The bill uses the existing definition of “**government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state**” which means any of the following:⁷

- A building or part of a building that is owned or leased by the government of this state or a political subdivision of this state and where employees of the government of this state or the political subdivision regularly are present for the purpose of performing their official duties as employees of the state or political subdivision.
- The office of a deputy registrar that is used to perform deputy registrar functions.

The bill expands the definition of “**validating identification**” to include photographic identification issued by the facility in which the individual serves in the individual’s capacity as a member of the General Assembly, a statewide elected official, judge, or magistrate that identifies

⁴ R.C. 2923.126(B)(7).

⁵ R.C. 2923.126(B)(7)(b).

⁶ R.C. 2923.126(B)(7)(a).

⁷ R.C. 2923.126(G)(3).

the individual as a member of the General Assembly, a statewide elected official, judge, or magistrate. Under continuing law, “**validating identification**” also includes photographic identification issued by the agency for which an individual serves as a peace officer that identifies the individual as a peace officer of the agency.⁸

HISTORY

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⁸ R.C. 2923.126(G)(6).