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HOUSE BILL DRH40030-ML-21A

Short Title: Concealed Carry in the General Assembly. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Kidwell, Hanig, C. Smith, and Goodwin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CARRY A
3 CONCEALED FIREARM AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER
4 DESIGNATED PLACES IF THE MEMBER HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT
5 AND MEETS OTHER CONDITIONS AND TO PROHIBIT THE ADOPTION OF RULES
6 PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF A CONCEALED FIREARM IN OR ON THE
7 STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS BY CERTAIN PERSONS
8 EXCEPTED FROM THE PROHIBITION SET FORTH IN G.S. 14-269.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 SECTION 1. G.S. 120-32.1 reads as rewritten:

11 "§ 120-32.1. Use and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

12 ...

13 (c1) No rule adopted under this section shall prohibit any of the following:

14 (1) ~~the~~ The transportation or storage of a firearm in a closed compartment or
15 container within a person's locked vehicle or in a locked container securely
16 affixed to a person's vehicle. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a
17 legislator or legislative employee who parks a vehicle in a State-owned
18 parking space that is leased or assigned to that legislator or legislative
19 employee may transport a firearm to the parking space and store that firearm
20 in the vehicle parked in the parking space, provided that: (i) the firearm is in
21 a closed compartment or container within the legislator's or legislative
22 employee's locked vehicle, or (ii) the firearm is in a locked container securely
23 affixed to the legislator or legislative employee's vehicle.

24 (2) The carrying of a concealed firearm by any of the following persons excepted
25 from the prohibition set forth in G.S. 14-269:

26 a. Officers and enlisted personnel of the Armed Forces of the United
27 States under G.S. 14-269(b)(1).

28 b. Civil and law enforcement officers of the United States under
29 G.S. 14-269(b)(2).

30 c. Officers and soldiers of the National Guard under G.S. 14-269(b)(3).

31 d. Officers of the State, or of any county, city, or town, under
32 G.S. 14-269(b)(4).

33 e. Qualified retired law enforcement officers under G.S. 14-269(b)(4b)c.

34 f. Sworn law enforcement officers, when off-duty, under
35 G.S. 14-269(b)(5).



1 (c2) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a member of the General Assembly may
2 carry a concealed firearm while in or on the State legislative buildings and grounds if the member
3 (i) has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article 54B of this Chapter or
4 considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24, (ii) is acting in discharge of his or her duties as a member
5 of the General Assembly, and (iii) is not carrying a concealed firearm at any time while
6 consuming alcohol or an unlawful controlled substance or while alcohol or an unlawful substance
7 remains in the member's body. No rule adopted under this section shall prohibit a member of the
8 General Assembly from carrying a concealed firearm in accordance with the requirements of this
9 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the term "State legislative buildings and grounds"
10 includes any other place at which the General Assembly, or a committee thereof, is conducting
11 official business.

12 (d) ~~For~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c2) of this section, for the purposes
13 of this section, the term "State legislative buildings and grounds" means:

14 "

15 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to offenses
16 committed on or after that date.