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HOUSE BILL 47

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

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

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Referred to: Judiciary 3, if favorable, State Government, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and
Operations of the House

February 3, 2021

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

...

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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