

CHANGES TO OHIO CCW LAW PASSED IN SB 199 EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2017

SEC. 2923.1210 (a) A BUSINESS ENTITY, PROPERTY OWNER, OR PUBLIC OR PRIVATE EMPLOYER MAY NOT ESTABLISH, MAINTAIN, OR ENFORCE A POLICY OR RULE THAT PROHIBITS OR HAS THE EFFECT OF PROHIBITING A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN ISSUED A VALID CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE FROM TRANSPORTING OR STORING A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION WHEN BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- (1) EACH FIREARM AND ALL OF THE AMMUNITION REMAINS INSIDE THE PERSON'S PRIVATELY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE THE PERSON IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT INSIDE THE MOTOR VEHICLE, OR EACH FIREARM AND ALL OF THE AMMUNITION IS LOCKED WITHIN THE TRUNK, GLOVE BOX, OR OTHER ENCLOSED COMPARTMENT OR CONTAINER WITHIN OR ON THE PERSON'S PRIVATELY OWNED MOTOR VEHICLE;
- (2) THE VEHICLE IS IN A LOCATION WHERE IT IS OTHERWISE PERMITTED TO BE.

CONCEALED CARRY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES WILL STILL BE PROHIBITED, BUT COLLEGES WILL BE PERMITTED TO AUTHORIZE PEOPLE OR GROUPS TO CARRY.

SCHOOL ZONES HAVE LONG BEEN A PROBLEM FOR LICENSE HOLDERS. UNDER THE NEW LAW THE FIREARM WILL BE REQUIRED TO REMAIN IN THE VEHICLE. THIS DOES NOT ALLOW PARENTS TO CARRY GUNS IN SCHOOLS OR SPORTING EVENTS, BUT IT DOES ALLOW THEM TO DROP OFF A CHILD'S LUNCH, MEDICINE OR HOMEWORK, OR GO INTO A SCHOOL TO SIGN THEIR CHILD OUT WHILE THE GUN REMAINS LOCKED IN THE CAR.

THE RESTRICTION ON CARRYING IN A PRIVATE AIRPLANE WILL BE REPEALED. THIS MAKES LEGAL WHAT IS COMMON PRACTICE IN PRIVATE/CORPORATE AVIATION.

IT WILL BE LEGAL TO CARRY INTO DAY CARE CENTERS, BUT DAY CARE CENTERS WILL BE ABLE TO POST THEIR BUSINESS "NO GUNS" JUST AS ANY OTHER BUSINESS DOES. THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO ADOPT POLICIES LIMITING FIREARMS. THERE ARE SPECIFIC PENALTIES FOR CARRYING IN DAY CARE CENTERS WITH NO GUN POLICIES.

IT MAY BE LEGAL TO CARRY A FIREARM ON THE NON-SECURE AREAS OF AIRPORTS. THIS IS HELPFUL FOR CHECKING A FIREARM AND HELPING SOMEONE CHECK IN OR RETRIEVE LUGGAGE FROM BAGGAGE CLAIM. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR CORPORATE AVIATION IN ALL OF THE AIRPORT TERMINALS WITHOUT SECURITY.

THERE IS A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF GOVERNMENT BUILDING TO ENACT "A STATUTE, ORDINANCE, OR POLICY THAT PERMITS A LICENSEE TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN INTO THE BUILDING."

AIRPORTS ARE GENERALLY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, AS ARE MAY REC CENTERS, LIBRARIES, FAIRGROUNDS, AND COMMON AREAS IN MANY CITIES AND VILLAGES. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW A LICENSE-HOLDER WILL KNOW WHAT POLICY IS IN EFFECT FOR EVERY BUILDING. SINCE MAY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OBJECTED TO MUCH BETTER WORKING TO DEAL WITH ISSUE, GUN OWNERS MAY HAVE TO CALL THEIR CITY/COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND LIBRARIES AND SUCH TO ASK FOR THEIR SPECIFIC POLICY.

ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY MEMBERS CARRYING A VALID MILITARY ID AND PROOF OF EQUIVALENT SMALL ARMS TRAINING MAY CARRY IN OHIO WITHOUT A CONCEALED CARRY LICENSE WITH THE SAME RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF OHIO CONCEALED HANDGUN LICENSE HOLDERS. ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY IS DEFINED IN 10USC101.