

Senate Bill 724

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SUMMARY

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Provides persons licensed to carry concealed handgun in another state with protections provided to persons with Oregon concealed handgun license if other state has no less stringent requirements for obtaining license than Oregon.

Authorizes Superintendent of State Police to enter into agreement with concealed handgun license issuing authority of other state if agreement is necessary for license reciprocity.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to persons with concealed handgun licenses from other states; creating new provisions; and
3 amending ORS 166.173, 166.260, 166.262, 166.370, 166.663 and 821.240 and section 2, chapter 88,
4 Oregon Laws 2014.

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1. (1) The Department of State Police shall create and maintain a list of states**
7 **in which the requirements to obtain a concealed handgun license or permit are no less**
8 **stringent than the requirements described in ORS 166.291 (1). The list shall be updated at**
9 **least once each year.**

10 (2) The department shall provide the list described in subsection (1) of this section to all
11 law enforcement agencies within this state.

12 (3) The department shall make the list described in subsection (1) of this section available
13 to the public without charge on an Internet website.

14 (4) The Superintendent of State Police is authorized to enter into a reciprocal agreement
15 with a state or local law enforcement agency or court that issues concealed handgun licenses
16 or permits in another state, or other issuing authority of that state, if the state is on the
17 list described in subsection (1) of this section and such an agreement is necessary to allow
18 residents of each state who hold valid concealed handgun licenses or permits to lawfully
19 possess a concealed handgun in each state.

20 (5) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

21 **SECTION 2.** ORS 166.173 is amended to read:

22 166.173. (1) A city or county may adopt ordinances to regulate, restrict or prohibit the pos-
23 session of loaded firearms in public places as defined in ORS 161.015.

24 (2) Ordinances adopted under subsection (1) of this section do not apply to or affect:

25 (a) A law enforcement officer in the performance of official duty.

26 (b) A member of the military in the performance of official duty.

27 (c) A person **who is** licensed **under ORS 166.291 and 166.292** to carry a concealed handgun.

28 (d) A person **who is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid license**
29 **or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act, by a**
30 **state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that state.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted.
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 [(d)] (e) A person authorized to possess a loaded firearm while in or on a public building or
2 court facility under ORS 166.370.

3 [(e)] (f) An employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, acting within the scope
4 of employment, who possesses a loaded firearm in the course of the lawful taking of wildlife.

5 **SECTION 3.** ORS 166.260 is amended to read:

6 166.260. (1) ORS 166.250 does not apply to or affect:

7 (a) Sheriffs, constables, marshals, parole and probation officers, police officers, whether active
8 or honorably retired, or other duly appointed peace officers.

9 (b) Any person summoned by any such officer to assist in making arrests or preserving the
10 peace, while said person so summoned is actually engaged in assisting the officer.

11 (c) The possession or transportation by any merchant of unloaded firearms as merchandise.

12 (d) Active or reserve members of:

13 (A) The Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard or Marine Corps of the United States, or of the
14 National Guard, when on duty;

15 (B) The commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; or

16 (C) The Public Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services,
17 when detailed by proper authority for duty with the Army or Navy of the United States.

18 (e) Organizations which are by law authorized to purchase or receive weapons described in ORS
19 166.250 from the United States, or from this state.

20 (f) Duly authorized military or civil organizations while parading, or the members thereof when
21 going to and from the places of meeting of their organization.

22 (g) A corrections officer while transporting or accompanying an individual convicted of or ar-
23 rested for an offense and confined in a place of incarceration or detention while outside the confines
24 of the place of incarceration or detention.

25 (h) A person who is licensed under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a concealed handgun.

26 **(i) A person who is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid license**
27 **or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act, by a**
28 **state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that state.**

29 (2) It is an affirmative defense to a charge of violating ORS 166.250 (1)(c)(C) that the person has
30 been granted relief from the disability under ORS 166.274.

31 (3) Except for persons who are otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm under ORS
32 166.250 (1)(c) or 166.270, ORS 166.250 does not apply to or affect:

33 (a) Members of any club or organization, for the purpose of practicing shooting at targets upon
34 the established target ranges, whether public or private, while such members are using any of the
35 firearms referred to in ORS 166.250 upon such target ranges, or while going to and from such
36 ranges.

37 (b) Licensed hunters or fishermen while engaged in hunting or fishing, or while going to or re-
38 turning from a hunting or fishing expedition.

39 (4) The exceptions listed in subsection (1)(b) to [(h)] (i) of this section constitute affirmative de-
40 fenses to a charge of violating ORS 166.250.

41 **SECTION 4.** ORS 166.262 is amended to read:

42 166.262. A peace officer may not arrest or charge a person for violating ORS 166.250 (1)(a) or
43 (b) or 166.370 (1) if the person has in the person's immediate possession:

44 (1) A valid license to carry a firearm as provided in ORS 166.291 and 166.292; or

45 (2) **A valid license or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section**

1 **1 of this 2015 Act, by a state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing**
 2 **authority of that state, and that authorizes the person to carry a concealed handgun.**

3 **SECTION 5.** ORS 166.370 is amended to read:

4 166.370. (1) Any person who intentionally possesses a loaded or unloaded firearm or any other
 5 instrument used as a dangerous weapon, while in or on a public building, shall upon conviction be
 6 guilty of a Class C felony.

7 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a person who inten-
 8 tionally possesses:

9 (A) A firearm in a court facility is guilty, upon conviction, of a Class C felony. A person who
 10 intentionally possesses a firearm in a court facility shall surrender the firearm to a law enforcement
 11 officer.

12 (B) A weapon, other than a firearm, in a court facility may be required to surrender the weapon
 13 to a law enforcement officer or to immediately remove it from the court facility. A person who fails
 14 to comply with this subparagraph is guilty, upon conviction, of a Class C felony.

15 (b) The presiding judge of a judicial district may enter an order permitting the possession of
 16 specified weapons in a court facility.

17 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

18 (a) A sheriff, police officer, other duly appointed peace officers or a corrections officer while
 19 acting within the scope of employment.

20 (b) A person summoned by a peace officer to assist in making an arrest or preserving the peace,
 21 while the summoned person is engaged in assisting the officer.

22 (c) An active or reserve member of the military forces of this state or the United States, when
 23 engaged in the performance of duty.

24 (d) A person who is licensed under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a concealed handgun.

25 **(e) A person who is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid license**
 26 **or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act, by a**
 27 **state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that state.**

28 [(e)] (f) A person who is authorized by the officer or agency that controls the public building to
 29 possess a firearm or dangerous weapon in that public building.

30 [(f)] (g) An employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, acting within the scope
 31 of employment, who possesses a firearm in the course of the lawful taking of wildlife.

32 [(g)] (h) Possession of a firearm on school property if the firearm:

33 (A) Is possessed by a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the firearm; and

34 (B) Is unloaded and locked in a motor vehicle.

35 (4) The exceptions listed in subsection (3)(b) to [(g)] (h) of this section constitute affirmative
 36 defenses to a charge of violating subsection (1) of this section.

37 (5)(a) Any person who knowingly, or with reckless disregard for the safety of another, discharges
 38 or attempts to discharge a firearm at a place that the person knows is a school shall upon con-
 39 viction be guilty of a Class C felony.

40 (b) Paragraph (a) of this subsection does not apply to the discharge of a firearm:

41 (A) As part of a program approved by a school in the school by an individual who is partic-
 42 ipating in the program;

43 (B) By a law enforcement officer acting in the officer's official capacity; or

44 (C) By an employee of the United States Department of Agriculture, acting within the scope of
 45 employment, in the course of the lawful taking of wildlife.

1 (6) Any weapon carried in violation of this section is subject to the forfeiture provisions of ORS
2 166.279.

3 (7) Notwithstanding the fact that a person's conduct in a single criminal episode constitutes a
4 violation of both subsections (1) and (5) of this section, the district attorney may charge the person
5 with only one of the offenses.

6 (8) As used in this section, "dangerous weapon" means a dangerous weapon as that term is de-
7 fined in ORS 161.015.

8 **SECTION 6.** ORS 166.663 is amended to read:

9 166.663. (1) A person may not cast from a motor vehicle an artificial light while there is in the
10 possession or in the immediate physical presence of the person a bow and arrow or a rifle, gun,
11 revolver or other firearm.

12 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to a person casting an artificial light:

13 (a) From the headlights of a motor vehicle that is being operated on a road in the usual manner.

14 (b) When the bow and arrow, rifle, gun, revolver or other firearm that the person has in the
15 possession or immediate physical presence of the person is disassembled or stored, or in the trunk
16 or storage compartment of the motor vehicle.

17 (c) When the ammunition or arrows are stored separate from the weapon.

18 (d) On land owned or lawfully occupied by that person.

19 (e) On publicly owned land when that person has an agreement with the public body to use that
20 property.

21 (f) When the person is a peace officer or government employee engaged in the performance of
22 official duties.

23 (g) When the person has been issued a license under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a con-
24 cealed weapon.

25 **(h) When the person is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid li-
26 cense or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act,
27 by a state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that
28 state.**

29 (3) A peace officer may issue a citation to a person for a violation of subsection (1) of this sec-
30 tion when the violation is committed in the presence of the peace officer or when the peace officer
31 has probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred based on a description of the vehicle
32 or other information received from a peace officer who observed the violation.

33 (4) Violation of subsection (1) of this section is punishable as a Class B violation.

34 (5) As used in this section, "peace officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 161.015.

35 **SECTION 7.** ORS 821.240 is amended to read:

36 821.240. (1) A person commits the offense of operating a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle
37 while carrying a firearm or bow if the person operates any snowmobile or all-terrain vehicle with
38 a firearm in the possession of the person, unless the firearm is unloaded, or with a bow, unless all
39 arrows are in a quiver.

40 (2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to:

41 (a) A person who is licensed under ORS 166.291 and 166.292 to carry a concealed handgun; or

42 **(b) A person who is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid license
43 or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act, by a
44 state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that state.**

45 (3) As used in this section, "unloaded" means:

1 (a) If the firearm is a revolver, that there is no live cartridge in the chamber that is aligned
2 with the hammer of the revolver;

3 (b) If the firearm is a muzzle-loading firearm, that the firearm is not capped or primed; or

4 (c) If the firearm is other than a revolver or a muzzle-loading firearm, that there is no live
5 cartridge in the chamber.

6 (4) The offense described in this section, operating a snowmobile or an all-terrain vehicle while
7 carrying a firearm or bow, is a Class B traffic violation.

8 **SECTION 8.** Section 2, chapter 88, Oregon Laws 2014, is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 2.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 162.135 and 162.185 or any Department of Corrections regu-
10 lation, rule, policy or provision of an employment contract to the contrary, if the department has
11 not provided a secure and locked location for storing firearms owned by corrections officers, a
12 corrections officer employed by the department may possess a firearm in the officer's personal ve-
13 hicle when the vehicle is parked in a department parking lot if the officer:

14 (a) Is present in the officer's official capacity at a public building occupied by the department;

15 (b)(A) Has a valid concealed handgun license issued pursuant to ORS 166.291 and 166.292; or

16 **(B) Is a person who is authorized to carry a concealed handgun pursuant to a valid li-**
17 **license or permit that was issued, in a state on the list described in section 1 of this 2015 Act,**
18 **by a state or local law enforcement agency, a court or another issuing authority of that**
19 **state; and**

20 (c) Has secured the firearm in a closed and locked trunk, glove compartment, center console or
21 other container, and the key is not inserted into the lock, if the trunk, glove compartment, center
22 console or other container locks with a key.

23 (2) As used in this section, "corrections officer" has the meaning given that term in ORS
24 181.610.

25 **SECTION 9.** The amendments to ORS 166.173, 166.260, 166.262, 166.370, 166.663 and 821.240
26 and section 2, chapter 88, Oregon Laws 2014, by sections 2 to 8 of this 2015 Act apply to
27 conduct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2015 Act.

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