

State of Wisconsin



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2021 WISCONSIN ACT

AN ACT to amend 175.60 (2g) (a) and (5) (a) 6., 948.605 (1) (b) and 948.605 (2) (a); to repeal and recreate 948.605 (2) (b) 1r.; and to create 948.605 (1) (ak) and (aq) of the statutes; relating to: possession of a firearm by a licensee in a place of worship located on the grounds of a private school.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 175.60 (2g) (a) and (5) (a) 6. of the statutes are amended to read:

175.60 (2g) (a) A licensee or an out-of-state licensee may carry a concealed weapon anywhere in this state except as provided under subs. (15m) and (16) and ss. 943.13 (1m) (c) and 948.605 (2) (a) and (b) 1r.

(5) (a) 6. A statement of the places under sub. (16) where a licensee is prohibited from carrying a weapon, as well as an explanation of the provisions under sub. (15m) and ss. 943.13 (1m) (c) and 948.605 (2) (a) and (b) 1r. that could limit the places where the licensee may carry a weapon, with a place for the applicant to sign his or her name to indicate that he or she has read and understands the statement.

SECTION 2. 948.605 (1) (ak) and (aq) of the statutes are created to read:

948.605 (1) (ak) "Licensee" means a licensee, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (d), or an out-of-state licensee, as defined in s. 175.60 (1) (g).

(aq) "Private school" means a school that is a parochial or private school.

SECTION 3. 948.605 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

948.605 (1) (b) "School" ~~has the meaning given in s. 948.61 (1) (b)~~ means a public school, private school, or tribal school, as defined in s. 115.001 (15m), that provides an educational program for one or more grades between grades 1 and 12 and that is commonly known as an elementary school, middle school, junior high school, senior high school, or high school.

SECTION 4. 948.605 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

948.605 (2) (a) Any individual who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is in or on the grounds of a school is guilty of a Class I felony. Any individual, except a licensee, who knowingly possesses a firearm at a place that the individual knows, or has reasonable cause to believe, is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a school is subject to a Class B forfeiture.

SECTION 5. 948.605 (2) (b) 1r. of the statutes is repealed and recreated to read:

948.605 (2) (b) 1r. A licensee who is in a place of worship located on the grounds of a private school for the purpose of attending a worship service or religious ceremony or to work or volunteer at the place of worship, if the governing body of the place of worship has a written

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication."

policy allowing licensees to possess a firearm and the licensee is complying with all terms of the policy.
