

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1588**

Introduced by

Representatives Heinert, Dockter, Hauck, M. Ruby, Hagert

Senators Cory, Gerhardt

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact two new sections to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota  
2 Century Code, relating to liability exemptions for public and private entities and the possession  
3 of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a publicly owned or operated building; to amend and  
4 reenact subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 and sections 62.1-02-05 and 62.1-04-04 of the  
5 North Dakota Century Code, relating to dangerous weapons, the possession of a firearm or  
6 dangerous weapon at a public gathering, and producing a concealed carry license upon  
7 request; and to provide a penalty.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 1 of section 62.1-01-01 of the North Dakota  
10 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 1. "Dangerous weapon" includes any switchblade or gravity knife, machete, scimitar,  
12 stiletto, sword, dagger, or knife with a blade of ~~five inches [12.7 centimeters]~~six inches  
13 [15.24 centimeters] or more; any throwing star, nunchaku, or other martial arts  
14 weapon; any billy, blackjack, sap, bludgeon, cudgel, metal knuckles, or sand club; any  
15 slungshot; any bow and arrow, crossbow, or spear; any weapon that will expel, or is  
16 readily capable of expelling, a projectile by the action of a spring, compressed air, or  
17 compressed gas, including any such weapon, loaded or unloaded, commonly referred  
18 to as a BB gun, air rifle, or CO2 gun; and any projector of a bomb or any object  
19 containing or capable of producing and emitting any noxious liquid, gas, or substance.  
20 "Dangerous weapon" does not include a spray or aerosol containing CS, also known  
21 as ortho-chlorobenzamalonitrile; CN, also known as alpha-chloroacetophenone; or  
22 other irritating agent intended for use in the defense of an individual, nor does the term  
23 include a device that uses voltage for the defense of an individual, unless the device  
24 uses a projectile and voltage or the device uses a projectile and may be used to apply

1 multiple applications of voltage during a single incident, then the term includes the  
2 device for an individual who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under this title.

3 **SECTION 2.** A new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
4 and enacted as follows:

5 **Exemption from liability for public and private entities.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a public or private entity may not be held liable  
7 for any injury or death or damage to property caused by an individual permitted to carry a  
8 dangerous weapon concealed under this chapter.

9 **SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 62.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code is created  
10 and enacted as follows:

11 **Possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a publicly owned or operated**  
12 **building.**

13 1. A city, county, or township, may enact and enforce an ordinance prohibiting the  
14 possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon in public areas of a publicly owned or  
15 operated building if:

16 a. All individuals possessing a valid class 1 or class 2 firearm and dangerous  
17 weapons license are restricted from possessing a firearm; and

18 b. Access is not permitted unless an individual passes through equipment that  
19 detects weapons or is staffed by armed security personnel.

20 2. This section does not apply to nonpublic areas of a publicly owned or operated  
21 building.

22 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-02-05 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
23 amended and reenacted as follows:

24 **62.1-02-05. Possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon at a public gathering -**  
25 **Penalty - Application.**

26 1. An individual may not possess a firearm or dangerous weapon at:

27 a. A school or school-sponsored event on school property; or

28 b. A church or other place of worship; ~~or~~

29 e. ~~A publicly owned or operated building.~~

30 2. This section does not apply to:

- 1           a. A law enforcement officer, or a correctional officer employed by the department of  
2           corrections and rehabilitation or by a correctional facility governed by chapter  
3           12-44.1. A correctional officer employed by the department of corrections and  
4           rehabilitation may carry a firearm only as authorized in section 12-47-34. A  
5           correctional officer employed by a correctional facility governed by chapter  
6           12-44.1 may carry a firearm or dangerous weapon only as authorized in section  
7           12-44.1-30;
- 8           b. An individual who is on an ambulance or firefighter crew while the individual is on  
9           duty if:
- 10           (1) The individual has written permission from the governing body or owner of  
11           the fire department or ambulance service;
- 12           (2) The individual possesses a valid class 1 concealed weapons license;
- 13           (3) The individual has successfully completed a weapons training course  
14           developed by the North Dakota private investigative and security board; and
- 15           (4) The governing body or owner of the fire department or ambulance crew  
16           provides written notice to the bureau of criminal investigation of the  
17           individuals authorized or no longer authorized to carry a firearm or  
18           dangerous weapon under this section, including that all training and  
19           certification requirements have been satisfied;
- 20           c. A member of the armed forces of the United States or national guard, organized  
21           reserves, state defense forces, or state guard organizations, when on duty;
- 22           d. A competitor participating in an organized sport shooting event;
- 23           e. A gun or antique show;
- 24           f. A participant using a blank cartridge firearm at a sporting or theatrical event;
- 25           g. A firearm or dangerous weapon carried in a temporary residence or motor  
26           vehicle;
- 27           h. A student and an instructor at a hunter safety class;
- 28           i. Private and public security personnel while on duty;
- 29           j. ~~A state or federal park;~~
- 30           k. An instructor, a test administrator, an official, or a participant in educational,  
31           training, cultural, or competitive events involving the authorized use of a

1 dangerous weapon if the event occurs with permission of the person or entity  
2 with authority over the function or premises in question;

3 ~~f. An individual in a publicly owned or operated rest area or restroom;~~

4 ~~m.k.~~ An individual who is authorized under section 62.1-04-02 to carry a firearm or  
5 dangerous weapon concealed or who has reciprocity under section 62.1-04-03.1  
6 authorizing the individual to carry a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed if  
7 the individual is in a church building or other place of worship and the primary  
8 religious leader or the governing body of the church or other place of worship  
9 approves the individual or group of individuals to carry a firearm or dangerous  
10 weapon through a policy or any other means;

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12 ~~l.~~ The governor, a state, federal, or municipal court judge, a district court magistrate  
13 judge or judicial referee, and a staff member of the office of attorney general if the  
14 individual maintains the same level of firearms proficiency as is required by the  
15 peace officer standards and training board for law enforcement officers. A local  
16 law enforcement agency shall issue a certificate of compliance under this section  
17 to an individual who is proficient;

18 ~~e.~~ ~~An individual's storage of a firearm or dangerous weapon in a building that is~~  
19 ~~owned or managed by the state or a political subdivision, provided:~~

20 ~~(1) The individual resides in the building;~~

21 ~~(2) The storage is inside the individual's assigned residential unit; and~~

22 ~~(3) The storage has been consented to by the state, the governing board, or a~~  
23 ~~designee; and~~

24 ~~p.m.~~ An individual authorized to carry a concealed weapon on school property under  
25 section 62.1-02-14.

26 3. This section does not prevent any political subdivision from enacting an ordinance that  
27 is less restrictive than this section relating to the possession of firearms or dangerous  
28 weapons at a public gatheringschool-sponsored event on school property, or a church  
29 or other place of worship. An enacted ordinance supersedes this section within the  
30 jurisdiction of the political subdivision.

- 1       4.   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a church or place of worship may not be
- 2           held liable for any injury or death or damage to property caused by an individual
- 3           permitted to carry a dangerous weapon concealed under this section.
- 4       5.   This section does not prevent the governing body of a school or the entity exercising
- 5           control over a publicly owned or operated building or property from authorizing the use
- 6           of a less than lethal weapon as part of the security plan for the school, building, or
- 7           property.
- 8       6.   An individual who knowingly violates this section is guilty of ~~an infraction~~ a noncriminal
- 9           offense punishable by a fee of one hundred dollars for a first offense and a fee of five
- 10          hundred dollars for a second or subsequent offense within three years.

11       **SECTION 5. AMENDMENT.** Section 62.1-04-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is  
12   amended and reenacted as follows:

13       **62.1-04-04. Producing license upon request - Penalty.**

- 14       1.   ~~Every~~An individual ~~while~~ carrying a concealed firearm or dangerous weapon, for which
- 15           a license to carry concealed is required, shall have on ~~one's~~the individual's person the
- 16           license issued by this or another state or a digital image of ~~one's~~the individual's
- 17           concealed firearm or dangerous weapon license issued by this state on an electronic
- 18           device and shall give ~~the license or digital image of the license~~ to ~~any active~~ law
- 19           enforcement officer for an inspection upon request by the officer. The failure of ~~any~~an
- 20           individual to give the license or digital image of the license to the officer is prima facie
- 21           evidence the individual is illegally carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon concealed.
- 22       2.   ~~Every~~An individual carrying a concealed firearm under the authority granted in
- 23           subsection 2 of section 62.1-04-02 shall inform a law enforcement officer of the
- 24           ~~individual's possession of a concealed weapon upon the initiation of a traffic stop or~~
- 25           ~~any other in-person contact initiated by a law enforcement~~firearm if the officer inquires
- 26           about the individual possession a concealed firearm.
- 27       3.   ~~Every~~An individual carrying a concealed firearm under the authority granted in
- 28           subsection 2 of section 62.1-04-02 shall have on ~~one's~~the individual's person a valid
- 29           driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by the department of
- 30           transportation or by the individual's state or territory of residence, or a digital image of
- 31           ~~one's~~the individual's valid driver's license or nondriver identification card on a mobile

- 1            device and shall provide the license or card to anya law enforcement officer for  
2            inspection upon request by the officer.
- 3            4.    An individual who violates this section is guilty of a noncriminal offense punishable by  
4            a fee of twenty dollars.