1	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
2	2nd Session of the 55th Legislature (2016)
3	SENATE BILL 1348 By: Dahm
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7	An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter
8	226, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1277), which relates to unlawful carry in certain places;
9	modifying inclusions; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1280.1, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 310,
10	O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1280.1), which relates to possession of a firearm on school
11	property; modifying inclusions; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.6, as amended by Section 11,
12	Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.6), which relates to conditions under which
13	firearms may be carried; adding condition; amending 21 0.S. 2011, Section 1289.7, as amended by Section
14	12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1289.7), which relates to firearms in
15	vehicles; modifying certain carry; restricting certain action; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section
16	1290.22, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 366, O.S.L 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 1290.22), which
17	relates to business owner's rights; modifying inclusions; stating presumption; protecting rights;
18 19	amending 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-202, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2012 (29 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 5-202), which relates to the permission
20	to hunt, take, fish or engage in recreational activity upon land of another; prohibiting certain
20	actions by game wardens; and providing an effective date.
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1277, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 226, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 2 2015, Section 1277), is amended to read as follows: 3 Section 1277. 4 UNLAWFUL CARRY IN CERTAIN PLACES 5 It shall be unlawful for any person in possession of a valid 6 Α. handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma 7 Self-Defense Act to carry any concealed or unconcealed handgun into 8 9 any of the following places: 10 1. Any structure, building, or office space which is owned or 11 leased by a city, town, county, state or federal governmental 12 authority for the purpose of conducting business with the public; 2. Any prison, jail, detention facility or any facility used to 13 process, hold or house arrested persons, prisoners or persons 14 alleged delinguent or adjudicated delinguent, except as provided in 15 Section 21 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes; 16 3. Any public or private elementary or public or private 17 secondary school, except as provided in subsection C of this 18 section; 19 4. Any sports arena during a professional sporting event; 20 5. Any place where pari-mutuel wagering is authorized by law; 21 and 22 6. Any other place specifically prohibited by law. 23 24

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B. For purposes of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of subsection A of this section, the prohibited place does not include and specifically excludes the following property:

Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by a city, town, county,
 state or federal governmental authority;

7 2. Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
8 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, by any entity offering any
9 professional sporting event which is open to the public for
10 admission, or by any entity engaged in pari-mutuel wagering
11 authorized by law;

3. Any property adjacent to a structure, building or office space in which concealed or unconcealed weapons are prohibited by the provisions of this section;

4. Any property designated by a city, town, county or state governmental authority as a park, recreational area, or fairgrounds; provided, nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize any entry by a person in possession of a concealed or unconcealed handgun into any structure, building or office space which is specifically prohibited by the provisions of subsection A of this section; and

5. Any property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary school for the use or parking of any vehicle, whether attended or unattended; provided, however, said handgun shall be

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1 stored and hidden from view in a locked motor vehicle when the motor 2 vehicle is left unattended on school property.

3 Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection or subsection C of this section shall be construed to authorize or 4 5 allow any person in control of any place described in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of subsection A of this section to establish any policy 6 or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful 7 possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun 8 9 allowable under such license in places described in paragraph 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of this subsection. 10

11 C. A concealed or unconcealed weapon may be carried onto 12 private school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private school for transportation of students or teachers by a 13 person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, 14 provided a policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the 15 private school that authorizes the carrying and possession of a 16 weapon on private school property or in any school bus or vehicle 17 used by a private school. Except for acts of gross negligence or 18 willful or wanton misconduct, a governing entity of a private school 19 that adopts a policy which authorizes the possession of a weapon on 20 private school property, a school bus or vehicle used by the private 21 school shall be immune from liability for any injuries arising from 22 the adoption of the policy. The provisions of this subsection shall 23 not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code. 24

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D. Any person violating the provisions of subsection A of this
 section shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor
 punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars
 (\$250.00).

5 E. No person in possession of a valid handgun license issued 6 pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be 7 authorized to carry the handgun into or upon any college, university 8 or technology center school property, except as provided in this 9 subsection. For purposes of this subsection, the following property 10 shall not be construed as prohibited for persons having a valid 11 handgun license:

Any property set aside for the use or parking of any
 vehicle, whether attended or unattended, provided the handgun is
 carried or stored as required by law and the handgun is not removed
 from the vehicle without the prior consent of the college or
 university president or technology center school administrator while
 the vehicle is on any college, university or technology center
 school property;

Any property authorized for possession or use of handguns by
 college, university or technology center school policy; and

3. Any property authorized by the written consent of the
 college or university president or technology center school
 administrator, provided the written consent is carried with the
 handgun and the valid handgun license while on college, university

or technology center school property Any person in possession of a
valid license pursuant to the Oklahoma Self Defense Act may carry on
any property of the college, university or technology center school,
provided the handgun remains concealed at all times and is not
carried openly and the valid handgun license remains at all times
with the licensee while on college, university or technology center
school property.

The college, university or technology center school may notify 8 9 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation within ten (10) days of a 10 violation of any provision of this subsection by a licensee. Upon 11 receipt of a written notification of violation, the Bureau shall 12 give a reasonable notice to the licensee and hold a hearing. At the hearing, upon a determination that the licensee has violated any 13 provision of this subsection, the licensee may be subject to an 14 administrative fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and may 15 16 have the handgun license suspended for three (3) months Any person violating the provisions of subsection E of this section shall, upon 17 conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to 18 exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). 19

Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection shall be construed to authorize or allow any college, university or technology center school to establish any policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person in lawful possession of a handgun license from possession of a handgun allowable under such

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1 license in places described in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of this
2 subsection. Nothing contained in any provision of this subsection
3 shall be construed to limit the authority of any college, university
4 or technology center school in this state from taking administrative
5 action against any student for any violation of any provision of
6 this subsection.

7 The provisions of this section shall not apply to any peace F. officer or to any person authorized by law to carry a pistol in the 8 9 course of employment. District judges, associate district judges, 10 and special district judges, who are in possession of a valid 11 handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma 12 Self-Defense Act and whose names appear on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts, shall be exempt from this 13 section when acting in the course and scope of employment within the 14 courthouses of this state. Private investigators with a firearms 15 authorization shall be exempt from this section when acting in the 16 course and scope of employment. 17

18 G. For the purposes of this section, "motor vehicle" means any 19 automobile, truck, minivan or sports utility vehicle.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1280.1, as 21 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2015 (21 O.S. Supp. 22 2015, Section 1280.1), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1280.1.

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POSSESSION OF FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his or her
possession on any public or private school property or while in any
school bus or vehicle used by any school for transportation of
students or teachers any firearm or weapon designated in Section
1272 of this title, except as provided in subsection C of this
section or as otherwise authorized by law.

B. For purposes of this section:

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8 1. "School property" means any publicly owned property held for
9 purposes of elementary, or secondary or vocational-technical
10 education, and shall not include property owned by public school
11 districts or where such property is leased or rented to an
12 individual or corporation and used for purposes other than
13 educational;

14 2. "Private school" means a school that offers a course of 15 instruction for students in one or more grades from prekindergarten 16 through grade twelve and is not operated by a governmental entity; 17 and

18 3. "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, minivan or 19 sports utility vehicle.

C. Firearms and weapons are allowed on school property and deemed not in violation of subsection A of this section as follows: 1. A gun or knife designed for hunting or fishing purposes kept in a privately owned vehicle and properly displayed or stored as required by law, provided such vehicle containing said gun or knife

1 is driven onto school property only to transport a student to and 2 from school and such vehicle does not remain unattended on school 3 property;

2. A gun or knife used for the purposes of participating in the 4 5 Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation certified hunter training education course or any other hunting, fishing, safety or 6 firearms training courses, or a recognized firearms sports event, 7 team shooting program or competition, or living history reenactment, 8 9 provided the course or event is approved by the principal or chief 10 administrator of the school where the course or event is offered, 11 and provided the weapon is properly displayed or stored as required 12 by law pending participation in the course, event, program or competition; 13

3. Weapons in the possession of any peace officer or other person authorized by law to possess a weapon in the performance of his or her duties and responsibilities;

4. A concealed or unconcealed weapon carried onto private 17 school property or in any school bus or vehicle used by any private 18 school for transportation of students or teachers by a person who is 19 licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act, provided a 20 policy has been adopted by the governing entity of the private 21 school that authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school 22 property or in any school bus or vehicle used by a private school. 23 Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, 24

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1 a governing entity of a private school that adopts a policy which 2 authorizes the possession of a weapon on private school property, a 3 school bus or vehicle used by the private school shall be immune 4 from liability for any injuries arising from the adoption of the 5 policy. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to claims 6 pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code;

7 5. A gun, knife, bayonet or other weapon in the possession of a member of a veterans group, the national guard, active military, the 8 9 Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) or Junior ROTC, in order to 10 participate in a ceremony, assembly or educational program approved 11 by the principal or chief administrator of a school or school 12 district where the ceremony, assembly or educational program is being held; provided, however, the gun or other weapon that uses 13 projectiles is not loaded and is inoperable at all times while on 14 15 school property;

6. A handgun carried in a motor vehicle pursuant to a valid
handgun license authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act onto
property set aside by a public or private elementary or secondary
school for the use or parking of any vehicle; provided, however,
said handgun shall be stored and hidden from view in a locked motor
vehicle when the motor vehicle is left unattended on school
property; and

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1 7. A handgun carried onto public school property by school personnel who have been designated by the board of education, 2 3 provided such personnel either: possess a valid armed security guard license as 4 a. 5 provided for in Section 1750.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or 6 hold a valid reserve peace officer certification as 7 b. provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the 8 9 Oklahoma Statutes, 10 if a policy has been adopted by the board of education of the school district that authorizes the carrying of a handgun onto public 11 12 school property by such personnel. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict authority granted elsewhere in law to carry 13 firearms; and 14 8. A handgun carried onto a college, university or technology 15 16 center school as designated in paragraph 3 of subsection E of 17 Section 1277 of this title. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, 18 D. upon conviction, be quilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of 19 not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). 20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.6, as 21 amended by Section 11, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015, 22 Section 1289.6), is amended to read as follows: 23 Section 1289.6. 24

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1 CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH FIREARMS MAY BE CARRIED 2 A person shall be permitted to carry loaded and unloaded Α. shotguns, rifles and pistols, open and not concealed and without a 3 handgun license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act 4 5 pursuant to the following conditions: 1. When hunting animals or fowl; 6 7 2. During competition in or practicing in a safety or hunter safety class, target shooting, skeet, trap or other recognized 8 9 sporting events; 10 3. During participation in or in preparation for a military function of the state military forces to be defined as the Oklahoma 11 Army or Air National Guard, Federal Military Reserve and active 12 13 military forces; 4. During participation in or in preparation for a recognized 14

14 4. During participation in or in preparation for a recognized
15 police function of either a municipal, county or state government as
16 functioning police officials;

17 5. During a practice for or a performance for entertainment 18 purposes;

For lawful self-defense and self-protection or any other
 legitimate purpose in or on property that is owned, leased, rented,
 or otherwise legally controlled by the person; or

22 7. When carried in a holster that is wholly or partially
23 visible or in a scabbard, case or with a sling designed for carrying
24 firearms that is wholly or partially visible and the person is

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1 <u>eighteen (18) years of age or older. Any person who carries a</u>
2 <u>firearm in the manner provided in this paragraph shall be prohibited</u>
3 <u>from carrying the firearm into any of the places prescribed in</u>
4 <u>subsection A of Section 1277 of this title; or</u>

5 <u>8.</u> For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma
6 Firearms Act of 1971 or any legislative enactment regarding the use,
7 ownership and control of firearms.

B. A person shall be permitted to carry unloaded shotguns,
rifles and pistols, open and not concealed and without a handgun
license as authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act pursuant to
the following conditions:

When going to or from the person's private residence or
 vehicle or a vehicle in which the person is riding as a passenger to
 a place designated or authorized for firearms repairs or
 reconditioning, or for firearms trade, sale, or barter, or gunsmith,
 or hunting animals or fowl, or hunter safety course, or target
 shooting, or skeet or trap shooting or any recognized firearms
 activity or event and while in such places; or

For any legitimate purpose not in violation of the Oklahoma
 Firearms Act of 1971.

C. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to
prohibit educational or recreational activities, exhibitions,
displays or shows involving the use or display of rifles, shotguns

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or pistols or other weapons if the activity is approved by the
 property owner and sponsor of the activity.

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 SECTION 4.
 AMENDATORY
 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1289.7, as

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 amended by Section 12, Chapter 259, O.S.L. 2012 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015,

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 Section 1289.7), is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1289.7.

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## FIREARMS IN VEHICLES

Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor 8 9 vehicle a rifle, or shotgun or pistol, open unconcealed and 10 unloaded, at any time. Any person twenty-one (21) years of age or 11 older, except a convicted felon, may transport a handgun concealed 12 or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded for the purpose of self-defense without a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma 13 Self-Defense Act provided, the person is not involved in a crime. 14 For purposes of this section "open" "unconcealed" means the 15 firearm is transported in plain view, or in a case designed for 16 carrying firearms, which case is wholly or partially visible, in a 17 gun rack mounted in the vehicle, in an exterior locked compartment 18 or a trunk of a vehicle. 19

20 Any person, except a convicted felon, may transport in a motor 21 vehicle a rifle or shotgun concealed behind a seat of the vehicle or 22 within the interior of the vehicle provided the rifle or shotgun is 23 not clip, magazine or chamber loaded. The authority to transport a

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clip or magazine loaded rifle or shotgun shall be pursuant to
 Section 1289.13 of this title.

Any person who is the operator of a vehicle or is a passenger in any vehicle wherein another person who is licensed pursuant to the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act to carry a handgun, concealed or unconcealed, and is carrying a handgun or has the handgun in such vehicle, shall not be deemed in violation of the provisions of this section provided the licensee is in or near the vehicle.

9 <u>In the absence of reasonable and articulable suspicion of</u>
10 <u>criminal activity, an individual, twenty-one (21) years of age or</u>
11 <u>older, possessing a concealed or unconcealed weapon in a vehicle</u>
12 <u>shall not be disarmed or physically restrained by any law</u>

13 enforcement officer.

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 SECTION 5.
 AMENDATORY
 21 O.S. 2011, Section 1290.22, as

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 amended by Section 7, Chapter 366, O.S.L. 2013 (21 O.S. Supp. 2015,

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 Section 1290.22), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1290.22.

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## BUSINESS OWNER'S RIGHTS

A. Except as provided in subsection B of this section, nothing contained in any provision of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act shall be construed to limit, restrict or prohibit in any manner the existing rights of any person, property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or business entity to control the possession of weapons on any property owned or controlled by the person or business entity.

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B. No person, property owner, tenant, employer, place of
worship or business entity shall be permitted to establish any
policy or rule that has the effect of prohibiting any person, except
a convicted felon, from transporting and storing firearms in a
locked vehicle on any property set aside for any vehicle.

C. A property owner, tenant, employer, place of worship or
business entity may prohibit any person from carrying a concealed or
unconcealed firearm on the property. If the building or property is
open to the public, the property owner, tenant, employer, place of
worship or business entity shall post signs on or about the property
stating such prohibition.

12 D. The carrying of a concealed or unconcealed firearm by a person who has been issued a handgun license on property that has 13 signs prohibiting the carrying of firearms shall not be deemed a 14 criminal act but may subject the person to being denied entrance 15 onto the property or removed from the property. If the person 16 refuses to leave the property and a peace officer is summoned, the 17 person may be issued a citation for an amount not to exceed Two 18 Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). 19

E. A person, corporation, place of worship or any other business entity that does or does not prohibit any individual except a convicted felon from carrying a loaded or unloaded, concealed or unconcealed weapon on property that the person, corporation, place of worship or other business entity owns, or has legal control of,

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is immune from any liability arising from that decision. Except for acts of gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, an employer who does or does not prohibit their <u>its</u> employees from carrying a concealed or unconcealed weapon is immune from any liability arising from that decision. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to claims pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Code.

8 <u>F. It is a presumption of the State of Oklahoma that the</u>
9 private employer is not including the carrying or discharge of a
10 weapon as part of its employees' job description.

11 <u>G. The above shall not prevent an employer, employee or person</u> 12 <u>who has suffered loss resulting from the discharge of a weapon to</u> 13 seek redress or damages.

SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 29 O.S. 2011, Section 5-202, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 200, O.S.L. 2012 (29 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section 5-202), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5-202. A. Except as otherwise provided, no person may hunt or take by any means or method upon the land of another without the consent of the owner, lessee or occupant of such land.

B. For purposes of this section, consent shall be presumed to
be valid for not more than one (1) year, unless the owner, lessee,
or occupant specifically grants consent for a specified period of
time.

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C. Excluding land primarily devoted to farming, ranching, or
 forestry purposes as set forth in Section 1835.2 of Title 21 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes, areas exempt from the provisions of subsection A
 of this section are lands belonging to this state which are not
 leased and occupied by a resident, excluding school land.

D. Any game warden investigating a hunter in the field has the 6 duty to inform the hunter that it is necessary to obtain the consent 7 of the landowner, lessee or occupant to hunt or take on the 8 9 particular property. Prosecution for violations of the provisions 10 of this section may be commenced only upon written complaint of such 11 owner, lessee or occupant filed before any court authorized to 12 punish such violation, or upon written complaint to any game warden or officer authorized to make arrest for such offenses. A game 13 warden shall not enter a private property on the mere suspicion of 14 the possible possession or discharge of a firearm or bow and shall 15 16 not constitute probable cause for a game warden to enter said private property. 17

E. No person shall operate a motor-driven conveyance on lands that are fenced and posted or are in cultivation without permission of the landowner, lessee or occupant.

F. The consent of any owner, lessee or occupant of land authorizing a person to hunt, take, fish or engage in any recreational activity upon the land of any such owner, lessee or occupant shall not be construed to create any additional duty of

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care or impose any additional liability other than specified by
 Sections 16-71.2 and 16-71.3 of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The obtaining of consent from any owner, lessee or occupant of land authorizing a person to hunt, take, fish or engage in any recreational activity shall not relieve the authorized person using the land from any obligation which the person may have in the absence of obtaining such consent to exercise care in the use of such land and in activities thereon, or from the legal consequences of failure to employ such care.

H. 1. It shall be an affirmative defense to prosecution under
subsection A of this section that the accused had express or implied
permission or legal authority to be on the property.

2. If an accused reasonably believed he or she was upon 13 property for which they had permission to be upon, it shall be an 14 affirmative defense to prosecution under subsection A of this 15 section that the accused had with him or her, on his or her person, 16 17 written permission from the surface owner, surface lessee, hunting lessee, or lawful occupant to be upon such person's land while the 18 accused was upon any adjoining property. This defense shall not be 19 available to the accused if: 20

a. the accused has previously pled guilty, nolo
contendere, or has been convicted of any act of
trespass or has been found civilly liable of any act
of trespass, or

b. the accused, while the accused was upon the adjoining property, does not have with him or her, on his or her person, the written permission specified in this paragraph.

5 I. Any person convicted for the first time of violating any 6 provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and 7 punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than Five Hundred 8 Dollars (\$500.00) nor more than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars 9 (\$1,500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for thirty (30) 10 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

J. Any person convicted for the second or subsequent time of violating any provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punished by the imposition of a fine of not less than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not less than six (6) months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

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 SECTION 7. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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