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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 4159 (Substitute S-2)  
Sponsor: Representative Joel Johnson  
House Committee: Judiciary  
Senate Committee: Judiciary

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the handgun licensure law to exclude retired county corrections officers and certain Department of Corrections (DOC) officers and retired officers who held a concealed pistol license from provisions prohibiting a licensee from carrying a concealed pistol or taser on certain premises.**

The law prohibits a person who is licensed to carry a concealed pistol, or who is exempt from licensure, from carrying a concealed pistol or taser on the premises (excluding the parking areas) of any of the following (commonly called weapon-free or no-carry zones):

- A school or school property, except for a student's parent or legal guardian while in a vehicle on school property, if he or she is dropping off or picking up the student.
- A public or private child care center or day care center, child caring institution, or child placing agency.
- A sports arena or stadium.
- A licensed bar or tavern whose primary source of income is the sale of liquor by the glass for on-premises consumption.
- Any property or facility owned or operated by a church, synagogue, mosque, temple, or other place of worship, unless its presiding official or officials permit the carrying of a concealed pistol on the property or facility.
- An entertainment facility with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more that the person knows or should know has such a seating capacity or that has a sign stating that capacity.
- A hospital.
- A dormitory or classroom of a community college, college, or university.

A violation is a State civil infraction punishable by a maximum fine of \$500, and a mandatory six-month suspension of the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol. A second violation is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000, and revocation of the individual's license to carry a concealed pistol. A third or subsequent violation is a felony punishable by up to four years' imprisonment and/or a maximum fine of \$5,000, and license revocation.

The law lists individuals to whom the prohibition described above does not apply, including a licensee who is a corrections officer of a county sheriff's department. Under the bill, the prohibition also would not apply to an individual who was licensed under the law and was a retired corrections officer of a county sheriff's department.

In addition, the prohibition currently does not apply to a licensee who is a DOC parole or probation officer. Under the bill, the prohibition would not apply to a licensee who was a

currently employed or retired DOC parole, probation, or corrections officer, or absconder recovery unit member.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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