



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2339

firearms; permit holders; public places

Sponsors: Representatives Barton, Seel, Smith, et al.

DP Committee on Judiciary
DPA Caucus and COW
X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2339 allows a person with a valid conceal carry permit to carry a firearm on their person while at a public event or public establishment.

HISTORY

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 13-3102.01 states that if an operator of a public establishment or sponsor of a public event requests an individual carrying a deadly weapon remove the weapon, the operator or sponsor is required to provide temporary and secure storage for the weapon. The requirement does not apply to a public establishment or event provided with a license by the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.

Under A.R.S. § 13-3118, the state, state agencies, and political subdivisions, with the exception of the Legislature, are prohibited from enacting or implementing any law, rule, or ordinance related to the possession or storage of firearms, other than those that exist in statute. State, county, or municipal judicial departments, law enforcement agencies, or prosecutorial agencies are exempt from this restriction.

PROVISIONS

- Specifies that the exemption for correctional employees carrying weapons, only applies to them while they are in the performance of official duties.
- Exempts any person who has a valid concealed carry permit from having to forfeit his or her weapon upon entering a public establishment or public event if requested to do so by an owner or sponsor of an event.
- States that the above exemption does not apply to any of the following:
 - A public establishment or event that provides security personnel, metal detectors and safe storage for weapons.
 - Community college districts or universities.
 - Public establishment or event that is licensed by the Department of Liquor Licenses and Control.
 - A university, college, community college, high school or common school in this state.
- States that the bill does not relieve or limit an operator of a public establishment or event from the requirement to provide weapon storage pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3102.01.
- Makes technical changes.

