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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 590

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A WEAPON; REPEALING  
9 THE "JOURNEY" PROVISION FOR HANDGUN AND WEAPONS  
10 OFFENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE CARRYING OF A WEAPON; AND  
14 REPEALING THE "JOURNEY" PROVISION FOR  
15 HANDGUN AND WEAPONS OFFENSES.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 5-73-119(e)(7), concerning the journey  
22 provision for the offense of possession of a handgun, is repealed.

23 ~~(7) The person is on a journey beyond the county in which the~~  
24 ~~person lives, unless the person is eighteen (18) years of age or less;~~  
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(b), concerning the definitions  
27 used in the offense of carrying a weapon, is amended to read as follows:

28 (b) As used in this section:

29 (1) "Club" means any instrument that is specially designed,  
30 made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious physical injury or  
31 death by striking, including a blackjack, billie, and sap;

32 (2) "Handgun" means any firearm with a barrel length of less  
33 than twelve inches (12") that is designed, made, or adapted to be fired with  
34 one (1) hand; and

35 ~~(3) "Journey" means travel beyond the county in which a person~~  
36 ~~lives; and~~



1           ~~(4)~~(3) "Knife" means any bladed hand instrument three inches  
2 (3") or longer that is capable of inflicting serious physical injury or death  
3 by cutting or stabbing, including a dirk, a sword or spear in a cane, a  
4 razor, an ice pick, a throwing star, a switchblade, and a butterfly knife.

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6           SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 5-73-120(c)(4), concerning the journey  
7 provision of the offense of carrying a weapon, is repealed.

8           ~~(4) The person is carrying a weapon when upon a journey, unless~~  
9 ~~the journey is through a commercial airport when presenting at the security~~  
10 ~~checkpoint in the airport or is in the person's checked baggage and is not a~~  
11 ~~lawfully declared weapon;~~