

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to safety of religious institutions;  
 3           amending s. 790.06, F.S.; authorizing a church, a  
 4           synagogue, or any other religious institution to allow  
 5           a concealed weapons or concealed firearms licensee to  
 6           carry a firearm on its property for certain purposes;  
 7           providing an effective date.

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 9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11           Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 790.06, Florida  
 12           Statutes, is amended to read:

13           790.06 License to carry concealed weapon or firearm.—

14           (12) (a) A license issued under this section does not  
 15           authorize any person to openly carry a handgun or carry a  
 16           concealed weapon or firearm into:

- 17           1. Any place of nuisance as defined in s. 823.05;
- 18           2. Any police, sheriff, or highway patrol station;
- 19           3. Any detention facility, prison, or jail;
- 20           4. Any courthouse;
- 21           5. Any courtroom, except that nothing in this section  
 22           would preclude a judge from carrying a concealed weapon or  
 23           determining who will carry a concealed weapon in his or her  
 24           courtroom;
- 25           6. Any polling place;

- 26           7. Any meeting of the governing body of a county, public  
 27 school district, municipality, or special district;  
 28           8. Any meeting of the Legislature or a committee thereof;  
 29           9. Any school, college, or professional athletic event not  
 30 related to firearms;  
 31           10. Any elementary or secondary school facility or  
 32 administration building;  
 33           11. Any career center;  
 34           12. Any portion of an establishment licensed to dispense  
 35 alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, which  
 36 portion of the establishment is primarily devoted to such  
 37 purpose;  
 38           13. Any college or university facility unless the licensee  
 39 is a registered student, employee, or faculty member of such  
 40 college or university and the weapon is a stun gun or nonlethal  
 41 electric weapon or device designed solely for defensive purposes  
 42 and the weapon does not fire a dart or projectile;  
 43           14. The inside of the passenger terminal and sterile area  
 44 of any airport, provided that no person shall be prohibited from  
 45 carrying any legal firearm into the terminal, which firearm is  
 46 encased for shipment for purposes of checking such firearm as  
 47 baggage to be lawfully transported on any aircraft; or  
 48           15. Any place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited  
 49 by federal law.  
 50           (b) A person licensed under this section may ~~shall~~ not be

51 prohibited from carrying or storing a firearm in a vehicle for  
52 lawful purposes.

53 (c) For the purposes of safety, security, personal  
54 protection, or other lawful purposes, a church, a synagogue, or  
55 any other religious institution may authorize a person licensed  
56 under this section to carry a firearm on property owned, rented,  
57 leased, or lawfully used by the church, synagogue, or religious  
58 institution.

59 (d)~~(e)~~ This section does not modify the terms or  
60 conditions of s. 790.251(7).

61 (e)~~(d)~~ Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any  
62 provision of this subsection commits a misdemeanor of the second  
63 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.