

PROHIBITING CARRYING OF FIREARMS IN BUILDINGS OWNED, OCCUPIED, OR CONTROLLED BY DANE COUNTY AND AT SPECIAL EVENTS ON DANE COUNTY PROPERTY

In June 2011, the Wisconsin Legislature adopted 2011 Senate Bill 93 which authorizes the carrying of concealed weapons in Wisconsin under certain circumstances. A person who is licensed under the new statute is exempted from the crime of carrying a firearm in a public building. The effective date of this provision shall be the first day of the fourth month beginning after publication.

The amendment creates new provisions in the trespass statute to permit certain owners and occupants of property to prohibit persons from carrying a concealed weapon in or on the property. It provides that a person may be subject to a Class B forfeiture if he or she, while carrying a firearm enters or remains in any part of a building that is owned, occupied, or controlled by a local governmental unit, if the local governmental unit, has notified the person not to remain in the building while carrying a firearm. The statute also prohibits a person from entering or remaining at a special event if the person has been notified not to enter or remain at the special event while carrying a firearm.

In order to give notice under the statute, the owner or occupant must post a sign that is located in a prominent place near all of the entrances of the part of the building to which the restriction applies and it must be posted so that individuals entering the building must be reasonably expected to see the sign. On land on which a special event is held, a sign must be posted in a prominent place near all of the entrances to the special event so that any individual attending the special event can reasonably be expected to see the sign. All signs must be at least five inches by seven inches.

The Dane County Board of Supervisors has concluded that it is in the best interest of public safety, and of the safety of county employees, to prohibit the carrying of firearms in buildings owned, occupied, or controlled by Dane County, and during special events upon land owned, occupied, or controlled by Dane County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no person carrying a firearm, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any building owned, operated, or controlled by Dane County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no person carrying a firearm, except a law enforcement officer, shall enter any special event on land owned by Dane county; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all buildings and land affected by this Resolution shall be posted in conformance with state law, no later than the effective date of 2011 Senate Bill 93, stating that carrying a firearm in said building or on said property is prohibited.

Submitted by Supervisors Rusk, Eicher, Bayrd, Erickson, Corrigan, Sargent, Hesselbein, Solberg, Miles, Matano, Vedder, Richmond, Duranczyk, Veldran, Hampton, Hendrick, Stoebig, June 16, 2011.

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