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HOUSE BILL 377

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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AN ACT

RELATING TO DEADLY WEAPONS; ALLOWING JUDGES TO CARRY FIREARMS IN THE COURTHOUSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 30-7-2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1963, Chapter 303, Section 7-2, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-7-2. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A DEADLY WEAPON. --

- A. Unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon consists of carrying a concealed loaded firearm or any other type of deadly weapon anywhere, except in the following cases:
- (1) in the person's residence or on real property belonging to [him] the person as owner, lessee, tenant or licensee;
- (2) in a private automobile or other private means of conveyance, for lawful protection of the person's or .154157.1

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another's person or property;

- (3) by a peace officer in accordance with the policies of [his] the peace officer's law enforcement agency who is certified pursuant to the Law Enforcement Training Act;
- (4) by a peace officer in accordance with the policies of [his] the peace officer's law enforcement agency who is employed on a temporary basis by that agency and who has successfully completed a course of firearms instruction prescribed by the New Mexico law enforcement academy or provided by a certified firearms instructor who is employed on a permanent basis by a law enforcement agency; [or]
- (5) by a person in possession of a valid concealed handgun license issued to [him] the person by the department of public safety pursuant to the provisions of the Concealed Handgun Carry Act; or
- (6) by a judge in the courthouse if the judge has successfully completed a course of firearms instruction prescribed by the New Mexico law enforcement academy or provided by a certified firearms instructor who is employed on a permanent basis by a law enforcement agency.
- B. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the carrying of any unloaded firearm.
- C. Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon is guilty of a petty misdemeanor."