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48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CONCEALED HANDGUNS; ALLOWING CONCEALED HANDGUNS IN AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT SELLS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR CONSUMPTION OFF THE PREMISES.

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

Section 30-7-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1975, Section 1. Chapter 149, Section 1, as amended) is amended to read:

"30-7-3. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN LICENSED LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS. --

Unlawful carrying of a firearm in an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages consists of carrying a loaded or unloaded firearm on any premises licensed by the regulation and licensing department for the dispensing of alcoholic beverages except:

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- (2) by the owner, lessee, tenant or operator of the licensed premises or [his] the owner's, lessee's, tenant's or operator's agents, including privately employed security personnel during the performance of their duties;
- (3) by a person carrying a concealed handgun who is in possession of a valid concealed handgun license for that gun pursuant to the Concealed Handgun Carry Act; provided that the licensed establishment does not sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises;

[(3)] (4) by a person in that area of the licensed premises usually and primarily rented on a daily or short-term basis for sleeping or residential occupancy, including hotel or motel rooms;

[(4)] (5) by a person on that area of a licensed premises primarily [utilized] used for vehicular traffic or parking; or

[(5)] (6) for the purpose of temporary display, provided that the firearm is:

- (a) made completely inoperative before it is carried onto the licensed premises and remains inoperative while it is on the licensed premises; and
- (b) under the control of the licensee or an agent of the licensee while the firearm is on the licensed premises.

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Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a firearm В. in an establishment licensed to dispense alcoholic beverages is guilty of a fourth degree felony."

EFFECTIVE DATE. -- The effective date of the Section 2. provisions of this act is July 1, 2007.

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