

SENATE BILL 204

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AN ACT

RELATING TO CRIME; PROHIBITING THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A PARK OR PLAYGROUND; PROVIDING A PENALTY.

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

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A PARK OR PLAYGROUND.--

A. Unlawful carrying of a firearm in a park or playground consists of carrying a firearm in a park or

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playground except by a:

(1) peace officer;

(2) security officer licensed and allowed to carry a firearm pursuant to the Private Investigations Act;

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SHPAC → (3) concealed carry licensee or a federal firearms licensee; or ← SHPAC

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B. Whoever commits unlawful carrying of a firearm in a park or playground is guilty of a fourth degree felony.

C. As used in this section:

(1) "firearm" means a weapon that will or is designed to or may readily be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosion, including a handgun, rifle or shotgun;

(2) "park" means an outdoor recreational area open to the public that is owned or managed by a municipality or county and includes the outdoor recreational area's adjoining parking lot, but does not include an outdoor recreational area designated and used as an outdoor shooting range; and

(3) "playground" means an outdoor facility open to the public that is owned or managed by a municipality

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or county and has slides, swing sets, climbing structures or other play stations intended for the recreation of children and includes the outdoor facility's parking lot.

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