

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 430

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Introduced by Christensen, 44; Janssen, 15.

FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to amend sections 15-255, 16-227, 17-556, 28-1201, 28-1204.03, and 28-1204.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-102, 69-2427, 69-2430, 69-2433, and 69-2441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to limit the power of cities and villages to regulate the ownership, possession, or transportation of concealed handguns; to change provisions relating to possession of a firearm at school as defined; to change concealed handgun permit issuance provisions; to provide a residency exception for members of the United States Armed Forces with respect to concealed handgun permits; to authorize security personnel to carry concealed handguns in places of worship as prescribed; to provide for concealed handgun permit reciprocity; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

14-102 In addition to the powers granted in section 14-101, cities of the metropolitan class shall have power by ordinance:

Taxes, special assessments.

(1) To levy any tax or special assessment authorized by law;

Corporate seal.

(2) To provide a corporate seal for the use of the city, and also any official seal for the use of any officer, board, or agent of the city, whose duties under this act or under any ordinance require an official seal to be used. Such corporate seal shall be used in the execution of municipal bonds, warrants, conveyances, and other instruments and proceedings as this act or the ordinances of the city require;

Regulation of public health.

(3) To provide all needful rules and regulations for the protection and preservation of health within the city; and for this purpose they may provide for the enforcement of the use of water from public water supplies when the use of water from other sources shall be deemed unsafe;

Appropriations for debts and expenses.

(4) To appropriate money and provide for the payment of debts and expenses of the city;

Protection of strangers and travelers.

(5) To adopt all such measures as they may deem necessary for the accommodation and protection of strangers and the traveling public in person and property;

Concealed weapons, firearms, fireworks, explosives.

(6) To punish and prevent the carrying of concealed weapons, except the carrying of a concealed handgun in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act, and the discharge of firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any description within the city;

Sale of foodstuffs.

(7) To regulate the inspection and sale of meats, flour, poultry, fish, milk, vegetables, and all other provisions or articles of food exposed or offered for sale in the city;

Official bonds.

(8) To require all officers or servants elected or appointed in pursuance of this act to give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties; but no officer shall become security upon the official bond of another or upon any bond executed to the city;

Official reports of city officers.

(9) To require from any officer of the city at any time a report, in detail, of the transactions of his or her office or any matter connected therewith;

Cruelty to children and animals.

(10) To provide for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals;

Dogs; taxes and restrictions.

(11) To regulate, license, or prohibit the running at large of dogs and other animals within the city as well as in areas within three miles of the corporate limits of the city, to guard against injuries or annoyance from such dogs and other animals, and to authorize the destruction of the dogs

and other animals when running at large contrary to the provisions of any ordinance. Any licensing provision shall comply with subsection (2) of section 54-603 for service animals;

Cleaning sidewalks.

(12) To provide for keeping sidewalks clean and free from obstructions and accumulations, to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on real estate and for the sale and conveyance thereof, and to pay the expenses of keeping the sidewalk adjacent to such real estate clean and free from obstructions and accumulations as herein provided;

Planting and trimming of trees; protection of birds.

(13) To provide for the planting and protection of shade or ornamental and useful trees upon the streets or boulevards, to assess the cost thereof to the extent of benefits upon the abutting property as a special assessment, and to provide for the protection of birds and animals and their nests; to provide for the trimming of trees located upon the streets and boulevards or when the branches of trees overhang the streets and boulevards when in the judgment of the mayor and council such trimming is made necessary to properly light such street or boulevard or to furnish proper police protection and to assess the cost thereof upon the abutting property as a special assessment;

Naming and numbering streets and houses.

(14) To provide for, regulate, and require the numbering or renumbering of houses along public streets or avenues; to care for and control and to name and rename streets, avenues, parks, and squares within the city;

Weeds.

(15) To require weeds and worthless vegetation growing upon any lot or piece of ground within the city to be cut and destroyed so as to abate any nuisance occasioned thereby, to prohibit and control the throwing, depositing, or accumulation of litter on any lot or piece of ground within the city and to require the removal thereof so as to abate any nuisance occasioned thereby, and if the owner fails to cut and destroy weeds and worthless vegetation or remove litter, or both, after notice as required by ordinance, to assess the cost thereof upon the lots or lands as a special assessment. The notice required to be given may be by publication in the official newspaper of the city and may be directed in general terms to the owners of lots and lands affected without naming such owners;

Animals running at large.

(16) To prohibit and regulate the running at large or the herding or driving of domestic animals, such as hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, fowls, or animals of any kind or description within the corporate limits and provide for the impounding of all animals running at large, herded, or driven contrary to such prohibition; and to provide for the forfeiture and sale of animals impounded to pay the expense of taking up, caring for, and selling such impounded animals, including the cost of advertising and fees of officers;

Use of streets.

(17) To regulate the transportation of articles through the streets, to prevent injuries to the streets from overloaded vehicles, and to regulate the width of wagon tires and tires of other vehicles;

Playing on streets and sidewalks.

(18) To prevent or regulate the rolling of hoops, playing of ball, flying of kites, the riding of bicycles or tricycles, or any other amusement or practice having a tendency to annoy persons passing in the streets or on the sidewalks or to frighten teams or horses; to regulate the use of vehicles propelled by steam, gas, electricity, or other motive power, operated on the streets of the city;

Combustibles and explosives.

(19) To regulate or prohibit the transportation and keeping of gunpowder, oils, and other combustible and explosive articles;

Public sale of chattels on streets.

(20) To regulate, license, or prohibit the sale of domestic animals or of goods, wares, and merchandise at public auction on the streets, alleys, highways, or any public ground within the city;

Signs and obstruction in streets.

(21) To regulate and prevent the use of streets, sidewalks, and public grounds for signs, posts, awnings, awning posts, scales, or other like purposes; to regulate and prohibit the exhibition or carrying or conveying of banners, placards, advertisements, or the distribution or posting of advertisements or handbills in the streets or public grounds or upon the sidewalks;

Disorderly conduct.

(22) To provide for the punishment of persons disturbing the peace and good order of the city by clamor and noise, intoxication, drunkenness, fighting, or using obscene or profane language in the streets or other public places or otherwise violating the public peace by indecent or disorderly conduct or by lewd and lascivious behavior;

Vagrants and tramps.

(23) To provide for the punishment of vagrants, tramps, common street beggars, common prostitutes, habitual disturbers of the peace, pickpockets, gamblers, burglars, thieves, or persons who practice any game, trick, or device with intent to swindle, persons who abuse their families, and suspicious persons who can give no reasonable account of themselves; and to punish trespassers upon private property;

Disorderly houses, gambling, offenses against public morals.

(24) To prohibit, restrain, and suppress tippling shops, houses of prostitution, opium joints, gambling houses, prize fighting, dog fighting, cock fighting, and other disorderly houses and practices, all games and gambling and desecration of the Sabbath, commonly called Sunday, and all kinds of indecencies; to regulate and license or prohibit the keeping and use of billiard tables, ten pins or ball alleys, shooting galleries, and other similar places of amusement; and to prohibit and suppress all lotteries and gift enterprises of all kinds under whatsoever name carried on, except that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the sale of pickle cards, or raffles conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act;

Police regulation in general.

(25) To make and enforce all police regulations for the good government, general welfare, health, safety, and security of the city and the citizens thereof in addition to the police powers expressly granted herein; and in the exercise of the police power, to pass all needful and proper ordinances and impose fines, forfeitures, penalties, and imprisonment at hard labor for the violation of any ordinance, and to provide for the recovery, collection, and enforcement thereof; and in default of payment to provide for confinement in the city or county prison, workhouse, or other place of confinement with or without hard labor as may be provided by ordinance;

Fast driving on streets.

(26) To prevent horseracing and immoderate driving or riding on the street and to compel persons to fasten their horses or other animals attached to vehicles while standing in the streets;

Libraries, art galleries, and museums.

(27) To establish and maintain public libraries, reading rooms, art galleries, and museums and to provide the necessary grounds or buildings therefor; to purchase books, papers, maps, manuscripts, works of art, and objects of natural or of scientific curiosity, and instruction therefor; to receive donations and bequests of money or property for the same in trust or otherwise and to pass necessary bylaws and regulations for the protection and government of the same;

Hospitals, workhouses, jails, firehouses, etc.; garbage disposal.

(28) To erect, designate, establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals or workhouses, houses of correction, jails, station houses, fire engine houses, asphalt repair plants, and other necessary buildings; and to erect, designate, establish, maintain, and regulate plants for the removal, disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse or to make contracts for garbage and refuse removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same, and to charge equitable fees for such removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same, except as hereinafter provided. The fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be credited to a single fund to be used exclusively by the city for the removal, disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse, or all of the same, including any costs incurred for collecting the fee. Before any contract for such removal, disposal, or recycling is let, the city council shall make specifications therefor, bids shall be advertised for as now provided by law, and the contract shall be let to the lowest and best bidder, who shall furnish bond to the city conditioned upon his or her carrying out the terms of the contract, the bond to be approved by the city council. Nothing in this act, and no contract or regulation made by the city council, shall be so construed as to prohibit any person, firm, or corporation engaged in any business in which garbage or refuse accumulates as a byproduct from selling, recycling, or otherwise disposing of his, her, or its garbage or refuse or hauling such garbage or refuse through the streets and alleys under such uniform and reasonable regulations as the city council may by ordinance prescribe for the removal and hauling of garbage or refuse;

Market places.

(29) To erect and establish market houses and market places and to provide for the erection of all other useful and necessary buildings for the use of the city and for the protection and safety of all property owned by the city; and such market houses and market places and buildings aforesaid may be located on any street, alley, or public ground or on land purchased for such purpose;

Cemeteries, registers of births and deaths.

(30) To prohibit the establishment of additional cemeteries within the limits of the city, to regulate the registration of births and deaths, to direct the keeping and returning of bills of mortality, and to impose penalties on physicians, sextons, and others for any default in the premises;

Plumbing, etc., inspection.

(31) To provide for the inspection of steam boilers, electric light appliances, pipefittings, and plumbings, to regulate their erection and construction, to appoint inspectors, and to declare their powers and duties, except as herein otherwise provided;

Fire limits and fire protection.

(32) To prescribe fire limits and regulate the erection of all buildings and other structures within the corporate limits; to provide for the removal of any buildings or structures or additions thereto erected contrary to such regulations, to provide for the removal of dangerous buildings, and to provide that wooden buildings shall not be erected or placed or repaired in the fire limits; but such ordinance shall not be suspended or modified by resolution nor shall exceptions be made by ordinance or resolution in favor of any person, firm, or corporation or concerning any particular lot or building; to direct that all and any building within such fire limits, when the same shall have been damaged by fire, decay, or otherwise, to the extent of fifty percent of the value of a similar new building above the foundation, shall be torn down or removed; and to prescribe the manner of ascertaining such damages and to assess the cost of removal of any building erected or existing contrary to such regulations or provisions, against the lot or real estate upon which such building or structure is located or shall be erected, or to collect such costs from the owner of any such building or structure and enforce such collection by civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction;

Building regulations.

(33) To regulate the construction, use, and maintenance of party walls, to prescribe and regulate the thickness, strength, and manner of constructing stone, brick, wood, or other buildings and the size and shape of brick and other material placed therein, to prescribe and regulate the construction and arrangement of fire escapes and the placing of iron and metallic shutters and doors therein and thereon, and to provide for the inspection of elevators and hoist-way openings to avoid accidents; to prescribe, regulate, and provide for the inspection of all plumbing, pipefitting, or sewer connections in all houses or buildings now or hereafter erected; to regulate the size, number, and manner of construction of halls, doors, stairways, seats, aisles, and passageways of theaters, tenement houses, audience rooms, and all buildings of a public character, whether now built or hereafter to be built, so that there may be convenient, safe, and speedy exit in case of fire; to prevent the dangerous construction and condition of chimneys, fireplaces, hearths, stoves, stovepipes, ovens, boilers, and heating appliances used in or about any building or a manufactory and to cause the same to be removed or placed in safe condition when they are considered dangerous; to regulate and prevent the carrying on of manufactures dangerous in causing and promoting fires; to prevent the deposit of ashes in unsafe places and to cause such buildings and enclosures as may be in a dangerous state to be put in a safe condition; to prevent the disposing of and delivery or use in any building or other structure, of soft, shelly, or imperfectly burned brick or other unsuitable building material within the city limits and provide for the inspection of the same; to provide for the abatement of dense volumes of smoke; to regulate the construction of areaways, stairways, and vaults and to regulate partition fences; to enforce proper heating and ventilation of buildings used for schools, workhouses, or shops of every class in which labor is employed or large numbers of persons are liable to congregate;

Warehouses and street railways.

(34) To regulate levees, depots and depot grounds, and places for storing freight and goods and to provide for and regulate the laying of tracks and the passage of steam or other railways through the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the city;

Lighting railroad property.

(35) To require the lighting of any railway within the city, the

cars of which are propelled by steam, and to fix and determine the number, size, and style of lampposts, burners, lamps, and all other fixtures and apparatus necessary for such lighting and the points of location for such lampposts; and in case any company owning or operating such railways shall fail to comply with such requirements, the council may cause the same to be done and may assess the expense thereof against such company, and the same shall constitute a lien upon any real estate belonging to such company and lying within such city and may be collected in the same manner as taxes for general purposes;

City publicity.

(36) To provide for necessary publicity and to appropriate money for the purpose of advertising the resources and advantages of the city;

Offstreet parking.

(37) To erect, establish, and maintain offstreet parking areas on publicly owned property located beneath any elevated segment of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or portion thereof, or public property title to which is in the city on May 12, 1971, or property owned by the city and used in conjunction with and incidental to city-operated facilities, and to regulate parking thereon by time limitation devises or by lease;

Public passenger transportation systems.

(38) To acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise, lease, purchase, construct, own, maintain, operate, or contract for the operation of public passenger transportation systems, excluding taxicabs and railroad systems, including all property and facilities required therefor, within and without the limits of the city, to redeem such property from prior encumbrance in order to protect or preserve the interest of the city therein, to exercise all powers granted by the Constitution of Nebraska and laws of the State of Nebraska or exercised by or pursuant to a home rule charter adopted pursuant thereto, including but not limited to receiving and accepting from the government of the United States or any agency thereof, from the State of Nebraska or any subdivision thereof, and from any person or corporation donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for or in aid of the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of such public passenger transportation systems and to administer, hold, use, and apply the same for the purposes for which such donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants may have been made, to negotiate with employees and enter into contracts of employment, to employ by contract or otherwise individuals singularly or collectively, to enter into agreements authorized under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act, to contract with an operating and management company for the purpose of operating, servicing, and maintaining any public passenger transportation systems any city of the metropolitan class shall acquire under the provisions of this act, and to exercise such other and further powers as may be necessary, incident, or appropriate to the powers of such city; and

Regulation of air quality.

(39) In addition to powers conferred elsewhere in the laws of the state and notwithstanding any other law of the state, to implement and enforce an air pollution control program within the corporate limits of the city under subdivision (23) of section 81-1504 or subsection (1) of section 81-1528, which program shall be consistent with the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. Such powers shall include without limitation those involving injunctive relief, civil penalties, criminal fines, and burden of proof. Nothing in this section shall preclude the control of air pollution by resolution, ordinance, or regulation not in actual conflict with the state air pollution control regulations.

Sec. 2. Section 15-255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

15-255 A primary city of the primary class may prohibit riots, routs, noise, or disorderly assemblies; prevent use of firearms, rockets, powder, fireworks, or other dangerous and combustible material; prohibit carrying of concealed weapons, except the carrying of a concealed handgun in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; arrest, punish, fine, or set at work on streets or elsewhere vagrants and persons found without visible means of support or legitimate business; regulate and prevent the transportation of gunpowder or combustible articles, tar, pitch, ~~resin~~, resin, coal, oil, benzine, turpentine, hemp, cotton, nitroglycerine, dynamite, petroleum or its products, or other explosives or inflammables; regulate use of lights in stables, shops, or other places, and building of bonfires; and regulate and prohibit the piling of building material or any excavation or obstruction of the streets.

Sec. 3. Section 16-227, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:

16-227 A city of the first class may prevent and restrain riots, routs, noises, disturbances, breach of the peace, or disorderly assemblies in any street, house, or place in the city; regulate, punish, and prevent the discharge of firearms, rockets, powder, fireworks, or any other dangerous combustible material in the streets, lots, grounds, and alleys or about or in the vicinity of any buildings; regulate, prevent, and punish the carrying of concealed weapons, except the carrying of a concealed handgun in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; arrest, regulate, punish, fine, or set at work on the streets, or elsewhere, all vagabonds and persons found in ~~said the~~ city without visible means of support or some legitimate business; regulate and prevent the transportation or storage of gunpowder or other explosive or combustible articles, tar, pitch, resin, coal oil, benzine, turpentine, hemp, cotton, nitroglycerine, dynamite, petroleum or any other productions thereof, and other materials of like nature, the use of lights in stables, shops, or other places, and the building of bonfires; and regulate and prohibit the piling of building material or any excavation or obstruction in the street.

Sec. 4. Section 17-556, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

17-556 ~~Second-class cities~~ Cities of the second class and villages shall have power to prevent and restrain riots, routs, noises, disturbances, or disorderly assemblages; to regulate, prevent, restrain, or remove nuisances in residential parts of municipalities and to designate what shall be considered a nuisance; to regulate, punish, and prevent the discharge of firearms, rockets, powder, fireworks, or any other dangerous combustible material in the streets, lots, grounds, alleys, or about or in the vicinity of any buildings; to regulate, prevent, and punish the carrying of concealed weapons, except the carrying of a concealed handgun in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; and to arrest, regulate, punish, fine, or set at work on the streets, or elsewhere, all vagrants and persons found without means of support or some legitimate business.

Sec. 5. Cities and villages shall not have the power to regulate the ownership, possession, or transportation of a concealed handgun, as such ownership, possession, or transportation is authorized under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act, except as expressly provided by state law. Any existing city or village ordinance, permit, or regulation regulating the ownership, possession, or transportation of a concealed handgun, as such ownership, possession, or transportation is authorized under the act, is declared to be null and void as against any permitholder possessing a valid permit under the act.

Sec. 6. Section 28-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1201 For purposes of sections 28-1201 to 28-1212, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Firearm ~~shall mean~~ means any weapon which is designed to or may readily be converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive or frame or receiver of any such weapon;

(2) Fugitive from justice ~~shall mean~~ means any person who has fled or is fleeing from any peace officer to avoid prosecution or incarceration for a felony;

(3) Juvenile ~~shall mean~~ means any person under the age of eighteen years;

(4) Knife ~~shall mean~~ means any dagger, dirk, knife, or stiletto with a blade over three and one-half inches in length or any other dangerous instrument capable of inflicting cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds;

(5) Knuckles and brass or iron knuckles ~~shall mean~~ means any instrument that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and that is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the knuckles;

(6) Machine gun ~~shall mean~~ means any firearm, whatever its size and usual designation, that shoots automatically more than one shot, without manual reloading, by a single function of the trigger;

(7) School means a public, private, denominational, or parochial elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a private postsecondary career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community college, a public or private college, a junior college, or a university;

~~(7)~~ (8) Short rifle ~~shall mean~~ means a rifle having a barrel less than sixteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six inches; and

~~(8)~~ (9) Short shotgun ~~shall mean~~ means a shotgun having a barrel

or barrels less than eighteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six inches.

Sec. 7. Section 28-1204.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1204.03 The Legislature finds that:

- (1) Increased violence ~~is~~ at schools has become a national, state, and local problem;
- (2) Increased violence and the threat of violence has a grave and detrimental impact on the educational process in Nebraska schools;
- (3) Increased violence has caused fear and concern among not only the schools and students but the public at large;
- (4) Firearms have contributed greatly to the increase of fear and concern among our citizens;
- (5) Schools have a duty to protect their students and provide an environment which promotes and provides an education in a nonthreatening manner;
- (6) An additional danger of firearms ~~is~~ at schools is the risk of accidental discharge and harm to students and staff;
- (7) Firearms are an immediate and inherently dangerous threat to the safety and well-being of an educational setting; and
- (8) The ability to confiscate and remove firearms quickly from school grounds is a legitimate and necessary tool to protect students and the educational process.

Sec. 8. Section 28-1204.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1204.04 (1) Any person who possesses a firearm in a school, on school grounds, in a school-owned vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event ~~shall be~~ is guilty of the offense of unlawful possession of a firearm ~~on at a school grounds~~. Unlawful possession of a firearm ~~on at a school grounds~~ is a Class II misdemeanor. This subsection shall not apply to (a) the issuance of firearms to or possession by members of the armed forces of the United States, active or reserve, National Guard of this state, or Reserve Officers Training Corps or peace officers or other duly authorized law enforcement officers when on duty or training, (b) firearms which may lawfully be possessed by the person receiving instruction, for instruction under the immediate supervision of an adult instructor, ~~or~~ (c) firearms which may lawfully be possessed by a member of a college or university rifle team, within the scope of such person's duties as a member of the team, (d) firearms which may lawfully be possessed by a person employed by a college or university in this state as part of an agriculture or a natural resources program of such college or university, within the scope of such person's employment, (e) firearms contained within a private vehicle operated by a nonstudent adult which are not loaded and (i) are encased or (ii) are in a locked firearm rack that is on a motor vehicle, or (f) a handgun carried as a concealed handgun by a valid holder of a permit issued under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act in a vehicle or on his or her person while riding in or on a vehicle into or onto any parking area, which is open to the public and used by a school if, prior to exiting the vehicle, the handgun is locked inside the glove box, trunk, or other compartment of the vehicle, a storage box securely attached to the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is a motorcycle, a hardened compartment securely attached to the motorcycle while the vehicle is in or on such parking area, except as prohibited by federal law. For purposes of this subsection, encased ~~shall mean~~ means enclosed in a case that is expressly made for the purpose of containing a firearm and that is completely zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened with no part of the firearm exposed.

(2) Any firearm possessed in violation of subsection (1) of this section ~~in a school, on school grounds, in a school-owned vehicle, or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event~~ shall be confiscated without warrant by a peace officer or may be confiscated without warrant by school administrative or teaching personnel. Any firearm confiscated by school administrative or teaching personnel shall be delivered to a peace officer as soon as practicable.

(3) Any firearm confiscated by or given to a peace officer pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be declared a common nuisance and shall be held by the peace officer prior to his or her delivery of the firearm to the property division of the law enforcement agency which employs the peace officer. The property division of such law enforcement agency shall hold such firearm for as long as the firearm is needed as evidence. After the firearm is no longer needed as evidence it shall be destroyed in such manner as the court may direct.

(4) Whenever a firearm is confiscated and held pursuant to this

section or section 28-1204.02, the peace officer who received such firearm shall cause to be filed within ten days after the confiscation a petition for destruction of such firearm. The petition shall be filed in the district court of the county in which the confiscation is made. The petition shall describe the firearm held, state the name of the owner, if known, allege the essential elements of the violation which caused the confiscation, and conclude with a prayer for disposition and destruction in such manner as the court may direct. At any time after the confiscation of the firearm and prior to court disposition, the owner of the firearm seized may petition the district court of the county in which the confiscation was made for possession of the firearm. The court shall release the firearm to such owner only if the claim of ownership can reasonably be shown to be true and either (a) the owner of the firearm can show that the firearm was taken from his or her property or place of business unlawfully or without the knowledge and consent of the owner and that such property or place of business is different from that of the person from whom the firearm was confiscated or (b) the owner of the firearm is acquitted of the charge of unlawful possession of a revolver in violation of section 28-1204, unlawful transfer of a firearm to a juvenile, or unlawful possession of a firearm ~~on~~ at a school grounds. No firearm having significant antique value or historical significance as determined by the Nebraska State Historical Society shall be destroyed. If a firearm has significant antique value or historical significance, it shall be sold at auction and the proceeds ~~deposited in the permanent school fund~~ shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

Sec. 9. Section 69-2427, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

69-2427 Sections 69-2427 to 69-2447 and section 13 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Concealed Handgun Permit Act.

Sec. 10. Section 69-2430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

69-2430 (1) Application for a permit to carry a concealed handgun shall be made in person at any Nebraska State Patrol Troop Headquarters or office provided by the patrol for purposes of accepting such an application. The applicant shall present a current Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license, Nebraska-issued state identification card, or military identification card and shall submit two legible sets of fingerprints for a criminal history record information check pursuant to section 69-2431. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety. The application shall state the applicant's full name, social security number, motor vehicle operator's license number or state identification card number, address, and date of birth and contain the applicant's signature and shall include space for the applicant to affirm that he or she meets each and every one of the requirements set forth in section 69-2433. The applicant shall attach to the application proof of training and proof of vision as required in subdivision (3) of section 69-2433.

(2) A person applying for a permit to carry a concealed handgun who gives false information or offers false evidence of his or her identity is guilty of a Class IV felony.

~~(3)~~ (3)(a) Until January 1, 2010, the permit to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued by the Nebraska State Patrol within five business days after completion of the applicant's criminal history record information check, if the applicant has complied with this section and has met all the requirements of section 69-2433.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2010, the permit to carry a concealed handgun shall be issued by the Nebraska State Patrol within forty-five days after the date an application for the permit has been made by the applicant if the applicant has complied with this section and has met all the requirements of section 69-2433.

(4) An applicant denied a permit to carry a concealed handgun may appeal to the district court of the judicial district of the county in which he or she resides or the county in which he or she applied for the permit pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 11. Section 69-2433, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

69-2433 An applicant shall:

- (1) Be at least twenty-one years of age;
- (2) Not be prohibited from purchasing or possessing a handgun by 18 U.S.C. 922, as such section existed on January 1, 2005;
- (3) Possess the same powers of eyesight as required under section 60-4,118 for a Class O operator's license. If an applicant does not possess a current Nebraska motor vehicle operator's license, the applicant may present

a current optometrist's or ophthalmologist's statement certifying the vision reading obtained when testing the applicant. If such certified vision reading meets the vision requirements prescribed by section 60-4,118 for a Class O operator's license, the vision requirements of this subdivision shall have been met;

(4) Not have pled guilty to, not have pled nolo contendere to, or not have been convicted of a felony or a crime of violence under the laws of this state or under the laws of any other jurisdiction;

(5) Not have been found in the previous ten years to be a mentally ill and dangerous person under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or a similar law of another jurisdiction or not be currently adjudged mentally incompetent;

~~(6)~~ (6) (a) Have been a resident of this state for at least one hundred eighty days. For purposes of this section, resident does not include an applicant who maintains a residence in another state and claims that residence for voting or tax purposes except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subdivision; or

(b) If an applicant is a member of the United States Armed Forces, such applicant shall be considered a resident of this state for purposes of this section after he or she has been stationed at a military installation in this state pursuant to permanent duty station orders even though he or she maintains a residence in another state and claims that residence for voting or tax purposes;

(7) Have had no violations of any law of this state relating to firearms, unlawful use of a weapon, or controlled substances or of any similar laws of another jurisdiction in the ten years preceding the date of application;

(8) Not be on parole, probation, house arrest, or work release;

(9) Be a citizen of the United States; and

(10) Provide proof of training.

Sec. 12. Section 69-2441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

69-2441 (1) (a) A permitholder may carry a concealed handgun anywhere in Nebraska, except any: Police, sheriff, or Nebraska State Patrol station or office; detention facility, prison, or jail; courtroom or building which contains a courtroom; polling place during a bona fide election; meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or other political subdivision; meeting of the Legislature or a committee of the Legislature; financial institution; professional or semiprofessional athletic event; building, grounds, vehicle, or sponsored activity or athletic event of any public, private, denominational, or parochial ~~school or private or public university, college, or community college, elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a private postsecondary career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community college, or a public or private college, junior college, or university;~~ place of worship; hospital, emergency room, or trauma center; political rally or fundraiser; establishment having a license issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act that derives over one-half of its total income from the sale of alcoholic liquor; place where the possession or carrying of a firearm is prohibited by state or federal law; a place or premises where the person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the property or employer in control of the property has prohibited permitholders from carrying concealed handguns into or onto the place or premises; or into or onto any other place or premises where handguns are prohibited by ~~law or rule or regulation, state law.~~

(b) A financial institution may authorize its security personnel to carry concealed handguns in the financial institution while on duty so long as each member of the security personnel, as authorized, is in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act and possesses a permit to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to the act.

(c) A place of worship may authorize its security personnel to carry concealed handguns on its property so long as each member of the security personnel, as authorized, is in compliance with the Concealed Handgun Permit Act and possesses a permit to carry a concealed handgun issued pursuant to the act and written notice is given to the congregation and, if the property is leased, the carrying of concealed handguns on the property does not violate the terms of any real property lease agreement between the place of worship and the lessor.

(2) If a person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the property or an employer in control of the property prohibits a permitholder from carrying a concealed handgun into or onto the place or premises and such place or premises are open to the public, a permitholder does not violate this section unless the person, persons, entity, or entities in control of the

property or employer in control of the property has posted conspicuous notice that carrying a concealed handgun is prohibited in or on the place or premises or has made a request, directly or through an authorized representative or management personnel, that the permit holder remove the concealed handgun from the place or premises. ~~A permit holder carrying a concealed handgun in a vehicle into or onto any place or premises does not violate this section so long as the handgun is not removed from the vehicle while the vehicle is in or on the place or premises.~~

(3) A permit holder carrying a concealed handgun in a vehicle or on his or her person while riding in or on a vehicle into or onto any parking area, which is open to the public, used by any location listed in subdivision (1) (a) of this section, does not violate this section if, prior to exiting the vehicle, the handgun is locked inside the glove box, trunk, or other compartment of the vehicle, a storage box securely attached to the vehicle, or, if the vehicle is a motorcycle, a hardened compartment securely attached to the motorcycle. This subsection does not apply to any parking area used by such location when the carrying of a concealed handgun into or onto such parking area is prohibited by federal law.

(4) An employer may prohibit employees or other persons who are permit holders from carrying concealed handguns in vehicles owned by the employer.

~~(3)~~ (5) A permit holder shall not carry a concealed handgun while he or she is consuming alcohol or while the permit holder has remaining in his or her blood, urine, or breath any previously consumed alcohol or any controlled substance as defined in section 28-401. A permit holder does not violate this subsection if the controlled substance in his or her blood, urine, or breath was lawfully obtained and was taken in therapeutically prescribed amounts.

Sec. 13. A valid license or permit to carry a concealed handgun issued by any other state or the District of Columbia shall be recognized as valid in this state under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act if (1) the holder of the license or permit is not a resident of Nebraska and (2) the Attorney General has determined that the standards for issuance of such license or permit by such state or the District of Columbia are equal to or greater than the standards imposed by the act. The Attorney General shall maintain and publish a list of such states and the District of Columbia which he or she has determined have standards equal to or greater than the standards imposed by the act.

Sec. 14. Original sections 15-255, 16-227, 17-556, 28-1201, 28-1204.03, and 28-1204.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-102, 69-2427, 69-2430, 69-2433, and 69-2441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, are repealed.