

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009

S

2

SENATE BILL 11  
Judiciary I Committee Substitute Adopted 5/12/09

Short Title: DA & Ass't DA/Concealed Gun in Courthouse.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

January 29, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR ASSISTANT DISTRICT  
3 ATTORNEY WHO HAS A CONCEALED HANDGUN PERMIT MAY CARRY OR  
4 POSSESS A CONCEALED HANDGUN WHILE IN A COURTHOUSE TO  
5 DISCHARGE OFFICIAL DUTIES.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 SECTION 1. G.S. 14-269.4 reads as rewritten:  
8 "§ 14-269.4. Weapons on State property and in courthouses.

9 It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, or carry, whether openly or concealed, any  
10 deadly weapon, not used solely for instructional or officially sanctioned ceremonial purposes in  
11 the State Capitol Building, the Executive Mansion, the Western Residence of the Governor, or  
12 on the grounds of any of these buildings, and in any building housing any court of the General  
13 Court of Justice. If a court is housed in a building containing nonpublic uses in addition to the  
14 court, then this prohibition shall apply only to that portion of the building used for court  
15 purposes while the building is being used for court purposes.

16 This section shall not apply to:

- 17 (1) Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997,  
18 (1a) A person exempted by the provisions of G.S. 14-269(b),  
19 (2) through (4) Repealed by S.L. 1997-238, s. 3, effective June 27, 1997,  
20 (4a) Any person in a building housing a court of the General Court of Justice in  
21 possession of a weapon for evidentiary purposes, to deliver it to a  
22 law-enforcement agency, or for purposes of registration,  
23 (4b) Any district court judge or superior court judge who carries or possesses a  
24 concealed handgun in a building housing a court of the General Court of  
25 Justice if the judge is in the building to discharge his or her official duties  
26 and the judge has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with  
27 Article 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24,  
28 (4c) Firearms in a courthouse, carried by detention officers employed by and  
29 authorized by the sheriff to carry firearms,  
30 (4d) Any district attorney or assistant district attorney who carries or possesses a  
31 concealed handgun in any portion of a building housing a court of the  
32 General Court of Justice other than a courtroom itself, if the district attorney  
33 or assistant district attorney (i) is in the building to discharge their official  
34 duties, (ii) has a concealed handgun permit issued in accordance with Article  
35 54B of this Chapter or considered valid under G.S. 14-415.24, (iii) has  
36 successfully completed weapons retention training substantially similar to  
37 that provided to certified law enforcement officers in North Carolina, and



1                            (iv) secures the weapon in a locked compartment when the weapon is not on  
2                            their person,  
3                    (5)    State-owned rest areas, rest stops along the highways, and State-owned  
4                            hunting and fishing reservations.  
5            Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1  
6    misdemeanor."  
7                    **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.