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AN ACT

To repeal section 571.030, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to unlawful use of weapons, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 571.030, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 571.030, to read as follows:

571.030. 1. A person commits the crime of unlawful use of weapons if he or she knowingly:

(1) Carries concealed upon or about his or her person a knife, a firearm, a blackjack or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use; or

(2) Sets a spring gun; or

(3) Discharges or shoots a firearm into a dwelling house, a railroad train, boat, aircraft, or motor vehicle as defined in section 302.010, RSMo, or any building or structure used for the assembling of people; or

(4) Exhibits, in the presence of one or more persons, any weapon readily capable of lethal use in an angry or threatening manner; or

(5) **Except as provided in subsection 6 of this section**, possesses or discharges a firearm or projectile weapon while intoxicated; or

(6) Discharges a firearm within one hundred yards of any occupied schoolhouse, courthouse, or church building; or

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 (7) Discharges or shoots a firearm at a mark, at any object, or at random, on, along or
16 across a public highway or discharges or shoots a firearm into any outbuilding; or

17 (8) Carries a firearm or any other weapon readily capable of lethal use into any church
18 or place where people have assembled for worship, or into any election precinct on any election
19 day, or into any building owned or occupied by any agency of the federal government, state
20 government, or political subdivision thereof; or

21 (9) Discharges or shoots a firearm at or from a motor vehicle, as defined in section
22 301.010, RSMo, discharges or shoots a firearm at any person, or at any other motor vehicle, or
23 at any building or habitable structure, unless the person was lawfully acting in self-defense; or

24 (10) Carries a firearm, whether loaded or unloaded, or any other weapon readily capable
25 of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises of any function or activity
26 sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school board.

27 2. Subdivisions (1), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall
28 not apply to or affect any of the following:

29 (1) All state, county and municipal peace officers who have completed the training
30 required by the police officer standards and training commission pursuant to sections 590.030
31 to 590.050, RSMo, and [possessing] **who possess** the duty and power of arrest for violation of
32 the general criminal laws of the state or for violation of ordinances of counties or municipalities
33 of the state, whether such officers are on or off duty, and whether such officers are within or
34 outside of the law enforcement agency's jurisdiction, or all qualified retired peace officers, as
35 defined in subsection [10] **11** of this section, and who carry the identification defined in
36 subsection [11] **12** of this section, or any person summoned by such officers to assist in making
37 arrests or preserving the peace while actually engaged in assisting such officer;

38 (2) Wardens, superintendents and keepers of prisons, penitentiaries, jails and other
39 institutions for the detention of persons accused or convicted of crime;

40 (3) Members of the armed forces or national guard while performing their official duty;

41 (4) Those persons vested by article V, section 1 of the Constitution of Missouri with the
42 judicial power of the state and those persons vested by Article III of the Constitution of the
43 United States with the judicial power of the United States, the members of the federal judiciary;

44 (5) Any person whose bona fide duty is to execute process, civil or criminal;

45 (6) Any federal probation officer or federal flight deck officer as defined under the
46 federal flight deck officer program, 49 U.S.C. Section 44921;

47 (7) Any state probation or parole officer, including supervisors and members of the
48 board of probation and parole;

49 (8) Any corporate security advisor meeting the definition and fulfilling the requirements
50 of the regulations established by the board of police commissioners under section 84.340, RSMo;
51 and

52 (9) Any coroner, deputy coroner, medical examiner, or assistant medical examiner.

53 3. Subdivisions (1), (5), (8), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section do not apply when
54 the actor is transporting such weapons in a nonfunctioning state or in an unloaded state when
55 ammunition is not readily accessible or when such weapons are not readily accessible.
56 Subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of this section does not apply to any person twenty-one years of
57 age or older transporting a concealable firearm in the passenger compartment of a motor vehicle,
58 so long as such concealable firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed, nor when the actor is also
59 in possession of an exposed firearm or projectile weapon for the lawful pursuit of game, or is in
60 his or her dwelling unit or upon premises over which the actor has possession, authority or
61 control, or is traveling in a continuous journey peaceably through this state. Subdivision (10)
62 of subsection 1 of this section does not apply if the firearm is otherwise lawfully possessed by
63 a person while traversing school premises for the purposes of transporting a student to or from
64 school, or possessed by an adult for the purposes of facilitation of a school-sanctioned
65 firearm-related event.

66 4. Subdivisions (1), (8), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to any
67 person who has a valid concealed carry endorsement issued pursuant to sections 571.101 to
68 571.121 or a valid permit or endorsement to carry concealed firearms issued by another state or
69 political subdivision of another state.

70 5. Subdivisions (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of subsection 1 of this section shall
71 not apply to persons who are engaged in a lawful act of defense pursuant to section 563.031,
72 RSMo.

73 **6. Subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of this section shall not apply to or affect any**
74 **person possessing a firearm or projectile weapon who is in his or her own residence unless**
75 **he or she:**

76 **(1) Has a firearm on or about his or her person; or**

77 **(2) Has threatened to retrieve a firearm, for the purpose of doing bodily harm,**
78 **from a place in his or her residence which is under his or her dominion and control.**

79 [6.] 7. Nothing in this section shall make it unlawful for a student to actually participate
80 in school-sanctioned gun safety courses, student military or ROTC courses, or other
81 school-sponsored firearm-related events, provided the student does not carry a firearm or other
82 weapon readily capable of lethal use into any school, onto any school bus, or onto the premises
83 of any other function or activity sponsored or sanctioned by school officials or the district school
84 board.

85 [7.] **8.** Unlawful use of weapons is a class D felony unless committed pursuant to
86 subdivision (6), (7), or (8) of subsection 1 of this section, in which cases it is a class B
87 misdemeanor, or subdivision (5) or (10) of subsection 1 of this section, in which case it is a class
88 A misdemeanor if the firearm is unloaded and a class D felony if the firearm is loaded, or
89 subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section, in which case it is a class B felony, except that
90 if the violation of subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section results in injury or death to
91 another person, it is a class A felony.

92 [8.] **9.** Violations of subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section shall be punished as
93 follows:

94 (1) For the first violation a person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term
95 of imprisonment for a class B felony;

96 (2) For any violation by a prior offender as defined in section 558.016, RSMo, a person
97 shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony without
98 the possibility of parole, probation or conditional release for a term of ten years;

99 (3) For any violation by a persistent offender as defined in section 558.016, RSMo, a
100 person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony
101 without the possibility of parole, probation, or conditional release;

102 (4) For any violation which results in injury or death to another person, a person shall
103 be sentenced to an authorized disposition for a class A felony.

104 [9.] **10.** Any person knowingly aiding or abetting any other person in the violation of
105 subdivision (9) of subsection 1 of this section shall be subject to the same penalty as that
106 prescribed by this section for violations by other persons.

107 [10.] **11.** As used in this section "qualified retired peace officer" means an individual
108 who:

109 (1) Retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a peace officer, other
110 than for reasons of mental instability;

111 (2) Before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the
112 prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any
113 violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

114 (3) Before such retirement, was regularly employed as a peace officer for an aggregate
115 of fifteen years or more, or retired from service with such agency, after completing any
116 applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as
117 determined by such agency;

118 (4) Has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency if such
119 a plan is available;

120 (5) During the most recent twelve-month period, has met, at the expense of the
121 individual, the standards for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry firearms;

122 (6) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or
123 substance; and

124 (7) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.

125 [11.] **12.** The identification required by subdivision (1) of subsection 2 of this section
126 is:

127 (1) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired
128 from service as a peace officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one
129 year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise
130 found by the agency to meet the standards established by the agency for training and qualification
131 for active peace officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; or

132 (2) A photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired
133 from service as a peace officer; and

134 (3) A certification issued by the state in which the individual resides that indicates that
135 the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the
136 concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the state to meet the standards established
137 by the state for training and qualification for active peace officers to carry a firearm of the same
138 type as the concealed firearm.

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