

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**S 0109 General Bill, By Martin, Rice, Kimbrell, Corbin, Climer, Loftis, Verdin, Garrett, Reichenbach and Grooms  
Similar (H 3594, H 3612)**

**Summary:** S.C. Constitutional Carry Act of 2023

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY ACT OF 2023"; BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS; EXCEPTION FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS' PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY POSSESS FIREARMS UPON THE CAPITOL GROUNDS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; EXCEPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS LEGAL TO CARRY HANDGUNS IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE LOCATION EXCEPTIONS WHERE FIREARMS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO PENALTIES; DISPOSITION OF FINES; FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO ENTER PREMISES WITH SIGNS PROHIBITING FIREARMS WHILE POSSESSING A FIREARM MUST BE CHARGED WITH TRESPASSING; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 16-23-420 AND 16-23-430, BOTH RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH PERSONS MAY POSSESS FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING WEAPONS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS ON THE BUSINESSES' PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF CONCEALABLE WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES PERMIT HOLDERS TO POSSESS PERMIT IDENTIFICATION WHEN CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, AND THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES PERMIT HOLDERS TO INFORM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THAT THEY ARE PERMIT HOLDERS AND PRESENT THE PERMITS TO OFFICERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES AND TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION REGULATES BOTH PERSONS WHO POSSESS AND DO NOT POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230 RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS INTO RESIDENCES, AND THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BETWEEN AUTOMOBILES AND CERTAIN ROOMS AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

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