HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 2937 By: Olsen of the House

and

Hamilton of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to firearms; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 1272, which relates to the unlawful carry of firearms; allowing for the carry of firearms on vessels; defining term; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1.   AMENDATORY   21 O.S. 2021, Section 1272, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1272.

UNLAWFUL CARRY

A.   Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful for any person to carry upon or about his or her person, or in a purse or other container belonging to the person, any pistol, revolver, shotgun or rifle whether loaded or unloaded or any blackjack, loaded cane, hand chain, metal knuckles, or any other

offensive weapon, whether such weapon be concealed or unconcealed, except this section shall not prohibit:

1. The proper use of guns and knives for self-defense, hunting, fishing, educational or recreational purposes;

2. The carrying or use of weapons in a manner otherwise permitted by statute or authorized by the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act;

3. The carrying, possession and use of any weapon by a peace officer or other person authorized by law to carry a weapon in the performance of official duties and in compliance with the rules of the employing agency;

4. The carrying or use of weapons in a courthouse by a district judge, associate district judge or special district judge within this state, who is in possession of a valid handgun license issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Self-Defense Act and whose name appears on a list maintained by the Administrative Director of the Courts;

5. The carrying and use of firearms and other weapons provided in this subsection when used for the purpose of living history reenactment. For purposes of this paragraph, "living history reenactment" means depiction of historical characters, scenes, historical life or events for entertainment, education, or historical documentation through the wearing or use of period, historical, antique or vintage clothing, accessories, firearms, weapons, and other implements of the historical period; or

1   6. The transporting by vehicle on a public roadway, by vessel

2   on a public lake or waterway, or the carrying of a firearm,

3   concealed or unconcealed, loaded or unloaded, by a person who is

4   twenty-one (21) years of age or older or by a person who is eighteen

5   (18) years of age but not yet twenty-one (21) years of age and the

6   person is a member or veteran of the United States Armed Forces,

7   Reserves or National Guard or was discharged under honorable

8   conditions from the United States Armed Forces, Reserves or National

9   Guard, and the person is otherwise not disqualified from the

10   possession or purchase of a firearm under state or federal law and

11   is not carrying the firearm in furtherance of a crime.

12   Except as provided in subsection B of Section 1283 of this

13   title, a person who has been convicted of any one of the following

14   offenses in this state or a violation of the equivalent law of

15   another state:

16   a.   assault and battery pursuant to the provisions of

17   Section 644 of this title which caused serious

18   physical injury to the victim,

19   b.   aggravated assault and battery pursuant to the

20   provisions of Section 646 of this title,

21   c.   assault and battery that qualifies as domestic abuse

22   as defined in Section 644 of this title,

23   d.   stalking pursuant to the provisions of Section 1173 of

24   this title,

1   e.   a violation of an order issued under the Protection

2   from Domestic Abuse Act or a domestic abuse protection

3   order issued by another state, or

4   f.   a violation relating to illegal drug use or possession

5   under the provisions of the Uniform Controlled

6   Dangerous Substances Act,

7 shall be prohibited from carrying a firearm under the provisions of

8 this paragraph. Any person who carries a firearm in the manner

9 provided for in this paragraph shall be prohibited from carrying the

10 firearm into any of the places prohibited in subsection A of Section

11 1277 of this title or any other place currently prohibited by law.

12 Nothing in this section shall modify or otherwise change where a

13 person may legally carry a firearm.

14   B. Any person convicted of violating the foregoing provision

15 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable as provided in Section

16 1276 of this title.

17   C. As used in this section, "vessel" shall have the same

18 meaning as such term is defined in Section 4002 of Title 63 of the

19 Oklahoma Statutes.

20   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY
OVERSIGHT, dated 02/24/2026 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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