



Did You Know?

According to the [Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services](#),

- There are over 1.8 million people licensed to carry a concealed weapon or firearm in the state.
- Fewer than 14,000 licenses have ever been revoked.

Data shows that concealed weapons license holders are convicted of misdemeanors and felonies at [one-sixth the rate of police officers](#).

REFRESHER: HB 39

Weapons and Firearms

BACKGROUND

HB 39 clarifies the intent of the concealed weapons and open carry statutes, relating to inadvertent and temporary displays of a concealed weapon.

Last session's Weapons and Firearms bill, CS/HB 779, passed the House, but died in the Senate. It was reintroduced with nearly identical language, by Rep. Eagle and was reported favorably by the Criminal Justice Subcommittee on January 29, 2018.

The bottom line: HB 39 ensures that the intent behind the concealed carry statute is clear and individuals are not criminalized for an inadvertent display of a firearm while lawfully exercising their Second Amendment rights.

BILL HIGHLIGHTS

- The bill clarifies that an individual who is licensed to carry a concealed weapon is not in violation of the statute when his or her firearm is temporarily and openly displayed to the ordinary sight of another person.
- The bill alters the penalties for individuals licensed to carry a concealed firearm who openly display a firearm. The penalties are:
 - A non-criminal fine of twenty-five dollars for a first violation;
 - A non-criminal fine of five hundred dollars for a second violation.
 - A second degree misdemeanor for a third or subsequent violation.