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## **HB 2551: misconduct involving weapons; public places**

**Sponsor: Representative Kavanagh, LD 23**

**Caucus & COW**

### **Overview**

Expands public areas and events in which misconduct involving weapons would not apply.

### **History**

A person commits misconduct involving a weapon by knowingly carrying a deadly weapon except a pocket knife concealed on his person or within his immediate control in or on a means of transportation among other statutorily prescribed situations. Unless specifically authorized by law, misconduct involving a weapon also occurs when entering any public establishment or attending any public event and carrying a deadly weapon after a reasonable request by the operator of the establishment or sponsor of the event to remove the weapon and place it in the custody of the establishment ([A.R.S. § 13-3102](#)).

### **Provisions**

1. Stipulates that misconduct involving weapons does not apply to a person who is in a public establishment or at a public event and who possesses a valid permit issued pursuant to statute. (Sec. 1)
2. Specifies that misconduct involving weapons still applies to:
  - a) A public establishment or public event that is a secured facility;
  - b) Licensed premises of any public establishment or public event with a liquor license;
  - c) A state, county or municipal judicial department, correctional facility or law enforcement agency;
  - d) An area where firearm possession is prohibited by federal law;
  - e) An educational institution as defined in statute;
  - f) A community college district or a university under the jurisdiction of the Arizona Board of Regents;
  - g) Facilities operated by a special health care district or the Arizona State Hospital; and
  - h) A public establishment that is a craft or vehicle. (Sec. 1)
3. States that this does not relieve or limit a sponsor of a public event or an operator of a public establishment from the requirements of statute relating to the storage of deadly weapons. (Sec. 1)
4. Maintains that this does not limit, restrict or prohibit the rights of a private tenant, private property owner, private business entity or private employer. (Sec. 1)
5. Defines *secured facility*. (Sec. 1)

**Amendments**

Committee on Government & Elections

1. Adds a prosecutorial office or facility to the list of locations that misconduct involving weapons still applies to.

Prop 105 (45 votes)

Prop 108 (40 votes)

Emergency (40 votes)

Fiscal Note