

## HOUSE BILL NO. 271

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE LAW RELATED TO THE OFFENSE OF CARRYING  
A CONCEALED WEAPON; PROVIDING THAT THE LAW DOES NOT APPLY TO A PERSON WHO IS ELIGIBLE  
UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO APPLY FOR OBTAIN A PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED  
WEAPON; AND AMENDING SECTION 45-8-317, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**Section 1.** Section 45-8-317, MCA, is amended to read:

**"45-8-317. Exceptions.** (1) Section 45-8-316 does not apply to:

- (a) any peace officer of the state of Montana or of another state who has the power to make arrests;
- (b) any officer of the United States government authorized to carry a concealed weapon;
- (c) a person in actual service as a member of the national guard;
- (d) a person summoned to the aid of any of the persons named in subsections (1)(a) through (1)(c);
- (e) a civil officer or the officer's deputy engaged in the discharge of official business;
- (f) a probation and parole officer authorized to carry a firearm under 46-23-1002;
- (g) a person eligible to apply for OBTAIN or issued a permit under 45-8-321, or a person with a permit  
recognized under 45-8-329, OR A PERSON ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN A PERMIT UNDER 45-8-321 WHO HAS COMPLETED A  
COURSE AS REQUIRED UNDER 45-8-321(3)(B) OR (3)(C) AND HAS IN THE PERSON'S POSSESSION EVIDENCE OF  
COMPLETION OF THE COURSE;
- (h) an agent of the department of justice or a criminal investigator in a county attorney's office;
- (i) a person who is outside the official boundaries of a city or town or the confines of a logging, lumbering,  
mining, or railroad camp or who is lawfully engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, hiking, backpacking,  
farming, ranching, or other outdoor activity in which weapons are often carried for recreation or protection; or
- (j) the carrying of arms on one's own premises or at one's home or place of business.

1 (2) With regard to a person issued a permit under 45-8-321, the provisions of 45-8-328 do not apply to  
2 this section."

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