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SENATE BILL NO. 77

Introduced by: Senators Olson, Bradford, Greenfield (Brock), Jensen (Phil), Omdahl, and Rampelberg and Representatives Qualm, Campbell, Craig, May, Russell, Verchio, and Wiik

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to repeal the prohibition against carrying a concealed
- 2 weapon in the state capitol.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 22-14-22 be amended to read:
- 5 22-14-22. For the purposes of §§ 22-14-23 to 22-14-28, inclusive, the term, county
- 6 courthouse, means the state capitol or any building occupied for the public sessions of a circuit
- 7 court, with its various offices. The term includes any building appended to or used as a
- 8 supplementary structure to a county courthouse.
- 9 Section 2. That chapter 22-14 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- Any person who knowingly possesses or causes to be present any firearm or other dangerous
- weapon in the state capitol building, or attempts to do so, is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.
- However, this section does not apply to any person who is carrying a concealed pistol and
- possesses a permit to carry a concealed pistol issued pursuant to chapter 23-7 or any law
- 14 enforcement official permitted to carry a weapon.

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- 1 Section 3. That chapter 22-14 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- 2 The Governor, any Supreme Court justice, any constitutional officer, the speaker of the
- 3 House, and the president pro tempore of the Senate may post signs in each respective office or
- 4 gallery prohibiting the carry of any concealed weapon within the office or gallery.
- 5 Section 4. That chapter 22-14 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:
- 6 Any legislator that chooses to carry a concealed weapon in the Capitol as permitted by this
- 7 Act may inform the Capitol security of the possession of the weapon and may volunteer the
- 8 legislator's assistance if necessary.