

Senate Bill 24-131 – Prohibition on Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces



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- Prohibits a person from knowingly carrying a firearm in the following government buildings, including adjacent parking areas:
 - State legislative buildings;
 - A building in which a local government's governing body conducts its meetings;
 - A courthouse or other building used for court proceedings.

Senate Bill 24-131 – Status

- Passed by the General Assembly on April 30, 2024.
- Currently, on the Governor's desk for signature.
- Unless vetoed, will go into effect on July 1, 2024.

Local Government Exception

- A local government may enact an ordinance that permits a person to carry a firearm on the property or within any building in which:
 - The chambers or galleries of the governing body are located;
 - A meeting of a the governing body is being conducted; or
 - The office of any elected member of the governing body or the chief executive officer is located.

Recommendation

- Town Manager and Town Attorney jointly recommend that the Town Council consider enacting an ordinance excepting Town facilities from the prohibition.
- At Town's Council direction, the Town Attorney will draft an ordinance for first reading at the next regular meeting on May 21, 2024.

Proposed Motions

I move to direct the Town Attorney to draft an ordinance excepting Town facilities from the prohibition on carrying firearms in sensitive spaces for presentation at the May 21st regular meeting.