

# Senate Bill 603

Sponsored by Senator BOQUIST

## SUMMARY

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Defines "readily accessible" for purposes of prohibition on possessing readily accessible, concealed handgun within vehicle.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to firearms; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 166.250.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 166.250 is amended to read:

5 166.250. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or ORS 166.260, 166.270, 166.274,  
6 166.291, 166.292 or 166.410 to 166.470, a person commits the crime of unlawful possession of a firearm  
7 if the person knowingly:

8 (a) Carries any firearm concealed upon the person;

9 (b) Possesses a handgun that is concealed and readily accessible to the person within any vehi-  
10 cle; or

11 (c) Possesses a firearm and:

12 (A) Is under 18 years of age;

13 (B)(i) While a minor, was found to be within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court for having  
14 committed an act which, if committed by an adult, would constitute a felony or a misdemeanor in-  
15 volving violence, as defined in ORS 166.470; and

16 (ii) Was discharged from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court within four years prior to being  
17 charged under this section;

18 (C) Has been convicted of a felony or found guilty, except for insanity under ORS 161.295, of a  
19 felony;

20 (D) Was committed to the Department of Human Services under ORS 426.130; or

21 (E) Was found to be mentally ill and subject to an order under ORS 426.130 that the person be  
22 prohibited from purchasing or possessing a firearm as a result of that mental illness.

23 (2) This section does not prohibit:

24 (a) A minor, who is not otherwise prohibited under subsection (1)(c) of this section, from pos-  
25 sessed a firearm:

26 (A) Other than a handgun, if the firearm was transferred to the minor by the minor's parent or  
27 guardian or by another person with the consent of the minor's parent or guardian; or

28 (B) Temporarily for hunting, target practice or any other lawful purpose; or

29 (b) Any citizen of the United States over the age of 18 years who resides in or is temporarily  
30 sojourning within this state, and who is not within the excepted classes prescribed by ORS 166.270  
31 and subsection (1) of this section, from owning, possessing or keeping within the person's place of

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1 residence or place of business any handgun, and no permit or license to purchase, own, possess or  
2 keep any such firearm at the person's place of residence or place of business is required of any such  
3 citizen. As used in this subsection, "residence" includes a recreational vessel or recreational vehicle  
4 while used, for whatever period of time, as residential quarters.

5 (3) Firearms carried openly in belt holsters are not concealed within the meaning of this section.

6 **(4)(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this subsection, a handgun is readily acces-**  
7 **sible within the meaning of this section if the handgun is within the reach of the person.**

8 **(b) If a vehicle has no location that is not within the reach of a person or if the vehicle**  
9 **is a motorcycle, an all-terrain vehicle or a snowmobile, a handgun is not readily accessible**  
10 **within the meaning of this section if the handgun is in a locked container within or affixed**  
11 **to the vehicle.**

12 [~~4~~] (5) Unlawful possession of a firearm is a Class A misdemeanor.

13 **SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 166.250 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to con-**  
14 **duct occurring on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.**