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Legislation on the Carrying of Concealed Firearms

There are several bills under consideration in the State Legislature related to guns.

One major bill - HB 1936 -- THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS – was passed by the General Laws Committee on February 26.

This is the bill summary provided by the State Legislature:

HB 1936 - This bill makes changes to the list of locations an individual can carry a concealed firearm within this state and the list of locations an individual with a concealed carry permit can carry a concealed firearm within the state. This bill also prohibits the state, political subdivisions, and public institutions of higher learning from imposing any policies or contractual requirements that would have the effect of prohibiting employees or students from the carrying of concealed firearms into locations where concealed carry is not otherwise prohibited by law. No changes have been made to the penalties for carrying a concealed firearm in locations prohibited under these sections.

From an editorial in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, February 28, 2018:

If this becomes a law, it would ease current restrictions against carrying concealed firearms into bars, churches, day-care centers and casinos. Those rights would extend to the campuses of public colleges and universities if the institution's governing board agrees. The bill would remove prohibitions against carrying weapons into amusement parks, possibly including the St. Louis Zoo. Private businesses could still set firearms restrictions on their own premises, but other public facilities like hospitals might not. It removes restrictions against carrying concealed weapons onto buses.

You may want to contact your state representative in regard to this. A list of state representatives is at this link:

<https://www.house.mo.gov/MemberRoster.aspx>

FYI: The policy statement summary on gun control of LWVUS is:

“Protect the health and safety of citizens through limiting the accessibility and regulating the ownership of handguns and semi-automatic weapons. Support regulation of firearms for consumer safety.”

Here are some other House bills related to guns under consideration. You can click on the bill number to get to the state information about the bill.

[HB1256](#) - Rep. Nick Shroer (R-O'Fallon) - Restricting use of firearm tracking technology

[HB1865](#) - Rep. Hill (R-Lake St. Louis) - Allows guns in cars

[HB1936](#) - Rep. Jered Taylor (R-Nixa) - Allows "Guns Everywhere" (churches, day cares, colleges, etc.)

[HB1937](#) - Rep. Jered Taylor (R-Nixa) - Prohibits municipalities from regulating open carry of firearms

[HB1326](#) - Rep. Steven Roberts (D-St. Louis City) - Tax deduction for firearm training

[HB 1733](#) - Rep. Peter Merideth (D-St. Louis City) - Repeals Stand Your Ground & Open Carry laws

[HB2281](#) - Rep. Greg Razer (D-Kansas City) - Background checks for all gun sales

[HB2081](#) - Rep. Stacey Newman (D-St. Louis) - Restricting ammunition sales to minors (mirroring federal law).