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Changes to Ohio's Concealed Carry Law

On Monday, June 13, 2022, Ohio Senate Bill 215 takes effect. This bill changes the Ohio Concealed Carry Law allowing “qualifying adults” in Ohio to carry a concealed handgun without the need for a concealed handgun license. Qualifying adults are those individuals who are twenty-one years of age or older, legal residents, not fugitives from justice, not subject to a protection order, have not been hospitalized or adjudicated mentally ill, have not been dishonorably discharged from the military; do not have an adult or delinquency conviction for a felony a drug offense, a domestic violence conviction, or a misdemeanor offense of violence conviction within the past three years or two convictions within the past five years, or are not otherwise prohibited under state or federal law from possessing a firearm. Regardless of the recent change in Ohio’s Concealed Carry Law, concealed firearms are still prohibited in buildings such as courthouses, courtrooms, schools, detention facilities, state and federal buildings, airports, and posted “no carry” businesses.

Even though Ohio’s Concealed Carry Law will no longer require training, the Sheriff’s Office strongly urges all those that intend to carry a concealed weapon to complete a concealed carry training course. “Training will provide those individuals who intend to carry a concealed handgun with absolutely necessary firearm safety information, handling and storage information, as well as an understanding of Ohio’s Concealed Carry Law,” said Sheriff Jamie Patton. The new law does not affect the licensing process. The Sheriff’s Office will continue to issue concealed carry licenses to those who are eligible. Residents who travel outside the State of Ohio need to have a valid concealed carry license in other states that may still require a license. Another major change in the law is that now it only requires a person legally carrying a concealed firearm to notify a law enforcement officer they are carrying if they are questioned. The person must answer truthfully if the law enforcement officer asks whether or not they are carrying a concealed firearm. This new legislation only effects concealed handguns. The laws did not change for transporting rifles or shotguns and keeping ammunition stored separately when in a vehicle.

For more information about the changes to Ohio’s Concealed Carry Law, please see the Union County Sheriff’s Office Website at <https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/ohio-concealed-carry-law-ccw> or contact Lieutenant Bob Roberts at the Sheriff’s Office at 937-645-4131.

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