



# HOUSE BILL 194: Federal Court Official/Concealed Carry.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Judiciary 2. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	March 24, 2021
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 194 would allow federal judges and federal prosecutors, who have a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit, to carry a firearm in certain restricted areas.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 14-269(a1) prohibits a person from carrying a concealed firearm in public unless a person has a valid concealed handgun permit.

Even if a person has a valid concealed handgun permit, it does not allow them to carry a firearm in certain locations, including state courts, other government buildings, and schools.

G.S. 14-269(b) lists certain people who are exempt from G.S. 14-269(a1), and therefore may carry a concealed firearm in the otherwise restricted areas. Some examples include:

- Law enforcement officers.
- North Carolina judges who have a concealed carry permit.
- District attorneys who have a concealed carry permit.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 194 would include federal judges and federal prosecutors, who have a valid North Carolina concealed handgun permit, in the list of people exempt from G.S. 14-269(a1), and therefore allowed to carry firearms in areas otherwise restricted, including inside state courts.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act becomes effective December 1, 2021, and applies to offenses committed on or after that date.

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