

## SB 11 – Campus Carry at Prairie View A&M University

### Understanding the Law and How it Will be Applied

#### Overview of the Campus Carry Law (SB 11)

- Since Texas passed its CHL law (SB 273) in 1995, it has been legal for concealed handgun license holders to carry a concealed handgun on the grounds, but **not** the premises (i.e., in a building), of an institution of higher education.
- Senate Bill 11, the “Campus Carry” law, was passed by the Texas Legislature and signed into law by Governor Abbott on June 13, 2015.
- **Effective August 1, 2016**, a person **having a license** to carry a handgun may **carry a concealed handgun on the campus – both on the grounds and in the buildings** – of an institution of higher education. ***Open carry will still be illegal.***

#### Open Carry / Display of Handguns

- With the exception of law enforcement officers, **openly displaying a firearm is not, and will not be, allowed on campus.**
- License holders **commit a criminal offense if they intentionally or knowingly display a handgun in the plain view** of another person on the campus unless the use of deadly force is justified under the law.

#### Printing

- “Printing” means that the outline, or portion of the outline, of a handgun is visible through clothing.
- Printing or unintentional exposure of a holstered handgun by a license holder is not a violation of the law.
- However, **call the police if you observe a person other than a police officer with a firearm.**

#### License to Carry a Handgun Requirements (Chapter 411, Subchapter H of the Texas Government Code)

- Must be at least 21 years old (at least 18 years old if a member or veteran of the U.S. military).
- Must have passed a background check.
- Must have satisfactorily completed basic handgun training specified by the State of Texas.
- Must be “capable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun.”
- For a comprehensive list of requirements, please see:  
<http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/InternetForms/Forms/CHL-16.pdf>

#### Who has a License to Carry a Handgun in Texas?

- In 2015, approximately 3% of Texas residents had a license to carry a handgun.
- Approximately 15% of licenses to carry a handgun are issued to individuals 18-29 years old
- Approximately 85% of licenses to carry a handgun are issued to individuals 30 years old or older.
- Applying the 3% of Texas population standard to the number of students and employees at PVAMU, there will be an **estimated 288 CHL holders at PVAMU.**
- In 2015, **0.2459% of those convicted of any kind of criminal offense in the State of Texas were CHL holders.**

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#### PVAMU Campus Carry Policy Development and Implementation

- In compliance with the requirements of the law, **PVAMU submitted its campus carry policy to the TAMUS Board of Regents for review and approval April 2016.** TAMUs Board approved the PVAMU rule w/ no amendments.
- Campus Carry Policy **has been published and is being distributed to employees and students.**
- 34.06.02.P2 Carrying Concealed Handguns on Campus Rule:  
<https://www.pvamu.edu/policies/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/34.06.02.P1.pdf>
- Campus Carry **Training and Awareness Presentations have been, and will continue to be, conducted.**

#### Locations at Which License Holders Will Continue to be Prohibited from Carrying Handguns

- **H.T. Jones Elementary School**, and the school grounds when a school-sponsored activity is taking place on those grounds;
- All facilities where a **high school, collegiate or professional sporting event or interscholastic event is taking place;**
- The **Johnson-Phillip All Faiths Chapel;**
- **Don K. Clark Building** where **municipal court is held when court is in session;**
- **Locations serving as polling places** when being used for that purpose;
- **Bistro 1876 Restaurant**
- The **Owens-Franklin Health Center Building.**
- **Any locations determined by the President** to be necessary due to campus safety considerations.

#### Training and Awareness

- PVAMU is **taking steps to provide information, education and training about the implications of S.B. 11 and how license holders should conduct themselves:**
- Campus Carry Website <http://www.pvamu.edu/campuscarry/>
  - **FAQs**
  - **Videos**
  - **Links to Additional Resources**
- Training Sessions & Awareness Presentations
  - **Faculty, Staff, Students, Alumni, Campus Partners**