



Proposed Legislation: Restricting Concealed Carry

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What is being proposed?

The proposed bill would **restrict concealed carry in city facilities.**

For the purposes of this bill, city facilities includes any **building or portion of a building** that is **owned** by the city, **leased by** the city, or **leased to** the city. It also includes Denver **parks.**

What problem does the bill aim to solve?

The goal of this bill is to **increase the level of safety** in city facilities by **reducing the number of firearms** present at any given time.

This bill is **not** intended to address the merits or shortcomings of the concealed carry permitting **process**.

This bill is **not** intended to be an assessment of the **character** of concealed carry permit holders.

What does the data say?

“There are a few studies that suggest that liberalizing access to concealed firearms has, on balance, beneficial effects. There are a **far larger number of studies** that suggest that it has, on balance, **detrimental effects.**”

Gun-related injuries are a growing problem

- More Americans died of gun-related injuries in 2020 than in any other year on record, representing a 14% increase from the year before, a 25% increase from five years earlier and a 43% increase from a decade prior.
- On a per capita basis, there were 13.6 gun deaths per 100,000 people in 2020 – the highest rate since the mid-1990s.

Restricting the carry of firearms creates safer communities

- Evidence from at least 14 academic studies suggest that allowing citizens the right to carry guns outside the home leads to increases in violent crime of 13-15 percent.
- One NIH study found that restricting the ability to carry concealed weapons was associated with a 5.79% reduction in workplace homicide rates.

More Guns Do Not Stop More Crimes, Evidence Shows



Breakdancing FBI Agent Did a Backflip in a Bar and Accidentally Shot Someone

Mom Accidentally Kills 2-Year-Old Daughter after Dropping Gun with Safety On

Two people injured at North Star Mall when gun accidentally dropped discharged

A state lawmaker dropped his firearm inside the Capitol while hurrying to a vote

Why is Denver pursuing this now?

Evidence

- We have **real-life examples of the safety risk** to the public when more firearms are present.

Data

- We have **data** to show that this **safety risk can be mitigated.**

State Support

- With the state law changes last year, Denver is free to **reinstate** its previous policy to restrict concealed carry in city facilities.

Denver Values

- The city has **consistently pursued policies** to protect citizens from safety risks posed by firearms.

Bill Language Updates

Penalties

- The penalty language has been updated to better conform with state requirements for civil penalties.

Military Personnel

- The bill now uses the term “active duty” to align with the standard vernacular for military personnel.

Law Enforcement Personnel

- The definition has been updated to avoid confusion with existing state law provisions that address different categories of peace officers.



Questions?