LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 54**

Introduced by Lowe, 37. Read first time January 10, 2019 Committee: Judiciary

- A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to amend section 28-1202, Reissue
  Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to
  carrying a concealed weapon; to define a term; to harmonize
  provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 28-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 amended to read:

3 28-1202 (1)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any 4 person who carries a weapon or weapons concealed on or about his or her 5 person, such as a handgun, a knife, brass or iron knuckles, or any other 6 deadly weapon, commits the offense of carrying a concealed weapon.

7 (b) It is an affirmative defense that the defendant was engaged in 8 any lawful business, calling, or employment at the time he or she was 9 carrying any weapon or weapons and the circumstances in which such person 10 was placed at the time were such as to justify a prudent person in 11 carrying the weapon or weapons for the defense of his or her person, 12 property, or family.

(2) This section does not apply to a person who is the holder of a
 valid permit issued under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act if the
 concealed weapon the defendant is carrying is a handgun.

16 (3)(a) This section does not apply to possessing, carrying, 17 transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm for any lawful purpose to 18 or from any place where such firearm may be lawfully possessed or carried 19 by a person if such firearm is unloaded and stored in a case and such 20 person is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from 21 possessing, carrying, transporting, shipping, or receiving a firearm.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, case means (i) a hard-sided or
 soft-sided box, container, or receptacle intended or designed for the
 purpose of storing or transporting a firearm or (ii) the firearm
 manufacturer's original packaging.

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<u>(4)</u> <del>(3)</del> Carrying a concealed weapon is a Class I misdemeanor.

27 (5) (4) In the case of a second or subsequent conviction under this
 28 section, carrying a concealed weapon is a Class IV felony.

Sec. 2. Original section 28-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 Nebraska, is repealed.

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