

SB 554 is an outrageous back-door ban on Concealed Handgun Licenses in Oregon. Instead of outright removing Oregon's CHL system SB 554 seeks to create a messy, confusing patchwork of no-go zones for CHL holders making it too onerous and legally risky for the average citizen to carry a firearm for self-defense.

The language of the bill seeks to ban CHL holders from carrying a weapon in buildings owned or leased by a government agency and the grounds adjacent. That's loose language considering the penalty for violation (Class C Felony). Is across the street okay? It would technically be adjacent. If you're riding by city hall on a bicycle or in a car is that okay? Government agencies lease buildings all over Portland, how can one keep track of this as to not accidentally end up on grounds adjacent to such a place? What if your business leases space in the same building as a government agency? Another shocking line in the bill is Section 2F: the residence of any state official elected by the state at large [and the ground adjacent to each such building]. So you can't walk on a public sidewalk past a legislator's house if one lives in your neighborhood?

This bill is ridiculous. It puts law abiding CHL holders on a legal tightrope all while doing nothing to increase public safety. Attempting to comply with it would be almost impossible for us CHL holders that live in urban areas.