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SLED GUIDANCE ON THE OPEN CARRY WITH TRAINING ACT

On May 17th, 2021 Governor Henry D. McMaster signed the Open Carry with Training Act (formerly House Bill 3094) into law. This Act has a 90-day implementation delay, so this law does not go into effect until August 15, 2021.

THEREFORE, CURRENT VALID CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT HOLDERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO OPENLY CARRY A HANDGUN IN SOUTH CAROLINA UNTIL AUGUST 15, 2021.

In addition, the Open Carry with Training Act does not change the law that applies to non-CWP holders. Rather, it merely changes the way a CWP holder can carry a handgun in public in South Carolina.

The Open Carry with Training Act also does not change where a CWP holder can carry in South Carolina nor does it change the right of a public or private business or employer to post a sign prohibiting or allowing the carrying of a concealable weapon by a valid CWP holder.

RELEVANT DATES

May 17, 2021 – August 14, 2021 → NO CHANGE TO SOUTH CAROLINA CARRY LAWS

On or after August 15, 2021 → VALID CWP HOLDERS CAN CARRY HANDGUNS OPENLY OR CONCEALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOUTH CAROLINA LAW