



HOUSE BILL 48: Concealed Carry/Emergency Medical Personnel.

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| Introduced by: | Reps. Warren, McNeill, C. Smith | Prepared by: | Susan Sitze |
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 48 would exempt certain emergency medical personnel while on duty providing tactical medical assistance to law enforcement in an emergency situation from the general prohibition against concealed carry of a weapon.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 14-269 generally prohibits carrying a concealed weapon. Subsection (b) of that statute provides exemptions for certain categories of individuals under certain circumstances. The list of exempted individuals in G.S. 14-269(b) is referenced in other statutes prohibiting weapons in specific locations including educational property, the State Capitol, and courthouses.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of House Bill 48 would add certain emergency medical services personnel to the list of exempted individuals in G.S. 14-269(b). The exemption would apply to emergency medical services personnel if they meet all of the following requirements:

- They are on duty.
- They are deployed providing tactical medical assistance to law enforcement in an emergency situation, including a Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) operation, as part of their official duties.
- They have had specific training regarding firearms and the law regarding use of deadly force and have qualified on any weapon being carried.

This exemption would exclude those emergency medical services personnel from the general prohibition against carrying a concealed weapon, as well as prohibitions against weapons in certain other locations including educational property, the State Capitol, and courthouses, but the exclusion would only apply while they are assisting in the emergency situation.

Section 2 of House Bill 48 would require State and local law enforcement agencies to provide paramedics providing tactical medical assistance during a SWAT operation with the same protective equipment provided to other members of the SWAT team.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2021 and apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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