



WARREN COUNTY  
**COMMON PLEAS COURT**  
GENERAL DIVISION

500 Justice Drive, Lebanon, Ohio 45036

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## Press Release

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**For Immediate Release**

**Thursday, June 2, 2022**

**Despite a new law change, “qualifying adults” are still prohibited from carrying handguns into courthouses.**

Regarding the recent change in Ohio’s concealed carry law, deadly weapons are still prohibited in buildings within which a courthouse is located. Ohio law section [2923.123](#) still makes it a felony crime to bring in a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance in a courthouse or into another building in which a courtroom is located, except for law enforcement officers in their official duties.

On Monday, June 13, [Senate Bill 215](#) takes effect, allowing “qualifying adults” in Ohio to carry a concealed handgun without the need for a concealed handgun license. Qualifying adults are 21 years of age or older, legal residents, not fugitives, not subject to a protection order, have not been hospitalized or adjudicated mentally ill, have not been dishonorably discharged from the military, do not have a conviction or delinquency for a felony, a drug offense, domestic violence, one misdemeanor offense of violence within three years or two within five years, or are not otherwise forbidden under state or federal law.

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