



## **2025 Legislative Issue Form**

*To propose a CCI legislative issue, please complete this form.*

*Feel free to use more than one page and include any supplemental materials.*

1.) **Contact Information** (of the person bringing forth the issue):

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2.) **Issue/Problem to be addressed** (What is the problem this legislation is seeking to solve?)

SB 24-131 (Prohibiting Carrying Firearms in Sensitive Spaces) prohibits all carrying of firearms (both open and concealed) in buildings where “the chambers or galleries of a local government’s governing body are located” or where “a meeting of a local government’s governing body is being conducted” or within 100 feet of a polling location.” The statute contains an exception for peace officers, but does not exempt all peace officers; only those who are POST certified.. Larimer County has a number of peace officers who perform safety and/or code enforcement functions and have been or could be deputized by the Sheriff, but are not POST certified. Furthermore, federal law enforcement officials (such as FBI, ATF) are also not post certified, so this statutory change would exempt them from the new requirements as well.

3.) **Background on this Issue/Problem** (How did this come to be? Why are you seeking a legislative remedy?)

SB 24-131 was passed in the 2024 legislative session and was signed by Governor Polis. It became effective on July 1, 2024. We have some staff performing safety and/or code enforcement related functions who have previously carried weapons in our Administrative Services Offices, but these staff are not POST certified. We would like for these staff to be exempted from the statute so they can carry a firearm within our Administrative Services building.

4.) **Proposed Solution/Legislative Remedy to this issue.**

We propose changing C.R.S. 18-12-105.3(2)(a) from “A peace officer carrying a firearm pursuant to the authority granted in section 16-2.5-101(2)” to “A peace officer carrying a firearm pursuant to the authority granted in section 16-2.5-101.” This would then include, “A non-certified deputy sheriff or detention officer is a peace officer employed by a county or city and county whose authority is limited to the duties assigned by and while working under the direction of the chief of police, sheriff, an official who has the duties of a sheriff in a city and county, or chief executive of the employing law enforcement agency.” This would allow non-POST certified peace officers performing public safety and/or code enforcement functions to carry a firearm in the Administrative Services building.

5.) **Have you explored a non-legislative solution to this problem?**

Yes and there is not one which would permit the employees in question to conceal carry inside our county courthouse building with the current language in the statute. There could be non-legislative solutions to the broader safety concern however, including installing gun safes in county vehicles (and having concealed carry permit holders assigned to specific vehicles), or designated gun lockers near the employee entrance of the building.

6.) **Statutory Citation to be modified AND proposed/revised language (The Colorado Revised Statute is available for free at [this link](#), by selecting “Colorado Revised Statutes”).**

C.R.S. 18-12-105.3(2)(a) change from “A peace officer carrying a firearm pursuant to the authority granted in section 16-2.5-101(2)” to “A peace officer carrying a firearm pursuant to the authority granted in section 16-2.5-101.”

7.) **Relationship of this issue to the County Commissioner’s roles and/or authorities.**

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**By Friday, July 12.**



This impacts employees of the County.

8.) **Has this proposal been approved by the Board of County Commissioners?**

Yes

9.) **List any potential Proponents/Opponents & their perspectives; indicate any groups/individuals with whom you have already discussed this issue.**

The impacted employees would be proponents of this change-this would enable them to carry in our building and not have to lock their firearms in a vehicle. Potential opponents would be individuals who feel only POST certified peace officers should be exempted under this law.

10.) **Have you visited with your legislator(s) about this proposal? What was their reaction? Are members of your delegation likely to sponsor, support, or oppose this proposal?**

We have not yet.

11.) **Anticipated Fiscal Impact (to counties, state, other stakeholders, etc.).**

Not likely any fiscal impact of this proposed change; but there would be with the other solutions we have considered (gun lockers or safes in vehicles)

12.) **Please list the local subject matter experts CCI staff can follow up with for more information on this proposal.**

13.) **If your county is submitting multiple issue forms, please rank each issue.**

This issue is priority #2

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