§6552. Firearms

1. Prohibition. A person may not possess a firearm on public school property or the property of an approved private school or discharge a firearm within 500 feet of public school property or the property of an approved private school. [PL 2009, c. 614, §2 (AMD).]

2. Exceptions. The provisions under subsection 1 do not apply to the following.
   A. The prohibition on the possession and discharge of a firearm does not apply to law enforcement officials. [PL 2009, c. 614, §3 (RPR).]
   B. The prohibition on the possession of a firearm does not apply to the following persons, if the possession is authorized by a written policy adopted by the school board:
      (1) A person who possesses an unloaded firearm for use in a supervised educational program approved and authorized by the school board and for which the school board has adopted appropriate safeguards to ensure student safety; and
      (2) A person who possesses an unloaded firearm that is stored inside a locked vehicle in a closed container, a zipped case or a locked firearms rack while the person is attending a hunter's breakfast or similar event that:
         (a) Is held during an open firearm season established under Title 12, Part 13 for any species of wild bird or wild animal;
         (b) Takes place outside of regular school hours; and
         (c) Is authorized by the school board. [PL 2009, c. 614, §3 (RPR).]
   C. The prohibition on possession and discharge of a firearm does not apply to a person possessing a firearm at a school-operated gun range or a person discharging a firearm as part of a school-sanctioned program at a school-operated gun range if the gun range and the program are authorized by a written policy adopted by the school's governing body. [PL 2009, c. 614, §3 (NEW).]

3. Penalty. A person who violates this section is guilty of a Class E crime. [PL 1981, c. 693, §§ 5, 8 (NEW).]

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