



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Title 12: **Finance & Administration**

Part 5: **Capitol Facilities**

Part 5 Chapter 2: **Weapons in Buildings under the Jurisdiction of DFA
(Temporary)**

Rule 2.1 Purpose

The Department of Finance & Administration (DFA) is charged with protecting, securing and maintaining the properties listed in Section 29-5-2 and enforcing the laws of this state on the properties that fall under its jurisdiction pursuant to 29-5-77 and 29-5-81. The following guidelines have been established to ban the open carry of weapons in state-owned buildings.

Source: §29-5-2, §29-5-77, §29-5-81

Rule 2.2 Authority

1. A ban is being declared in regard to a ban on the open carry of weapons on properties under its jurisdiction.

2. Section 29-5-2 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, gives the Department of Finance and Administration, among other things, the duty:

(A)(I) To exercise general supervision and care over and keep in good condition the following state property located in the CITY OF JACKSON: the New State Capitol Building, the Woolfolk State Office Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building, the Walter Sillers Office Building, the War Veterans' Memorial Building, the Charlotte Capers Building, the William F. Winter Archives and History Building, the Ike Sanford Veterans Affairs Building, the Old State Capitol Building, the Governor's Mansion, the Heber Ladner Building, the Burroughs Building, the Robert E. Lee Office Building, the Robert E. Lee Parking Garage, the Manship House Restoration and Visitor Center, the State Records Center, the Robert G. Clark, Jr. Building, and all other properties acquired in the same transaction at the time of the purchase of the Robert E. Lee Hotel property from the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Jackson, Mississippi, which properties are more particularly described in a warranty deed heretofore executed and delivered on April 22, 1969, and filed for record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, located in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 25, 1969, at 9:00 a.m., and recorded in Deed Book No. 1822, Page 136 et seq., the Central High

Building, 101 Capitol Centre and the properties described in Section 1 of Chapter 542, Laws of 2009.

(ii) To exercise general supervision and care over and keep in good condition the Dr. Eldon Langston Bolton Building located in Biloxi, Mississippi.

(iii) To exercise general supervision and care over and keep in good condition the State Service Center, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 49 and John Merl Tatum Industrial Drive in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

(iv) To exercise general supervision and care over and keep in good condition any property purchased, constructed or otherwise acquired by the State of Mississippi for conducting state business and not specifically under the supervision and care by any other state entity, but which is reasonably assumed the department would be responsible for such, as approved by the Public Procurement Review Board.

AND

(c) To approve or disapprove with the concurrence of the Public Procurement Review Board, any lease or rental agreements by any state agency or department, including any state agency financed entirely by federal and special funds, for space outside the buildings under the jurisdiction of the Department of Finance and Administration, including space necessary for parking to be used by state employees who work in the Woolfolk Building, the Carroll Gartin Justice Building or the Walter Sillers Office Building.

3. Further, Sections 29-5-77 and 29-5-81 of the Mississippi Code gives the DFA jurisdiction to enforce the laws over said properties. Additionally 29-5-77 gives the DFA jurisdiction to enforce the laws of this state on the grounds of the Public Employees Retirement Building which is located adjacent to the Capitol Complex.

Source: §29-5-2, §29-5-77, §29-5-81

Rule 2.3 Policy Banning the Open Carry of Weapons in buildings under DFA's jurisdiction

In light of the Mississippi Attorney General's Opinion to Sheriff Brad Lance (June 13, 2013), the Department of Finance and Administration as custodian of the buildings and grounds of said properties has determined that all of these properties contain sensitive areas and that it would be in the government's interest to protect these buildings by declaring a ban on the open carry of weapons on these properties.