

**Subject** Authorizing local units of government to restrict possession of dangerous weapons in local government-owned or leased buildings

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### Overview

Section 624.714, subdivision 17 permits the owner or operator of a private establishment to ban guns on the establishment's premises by posting a conspicuous sign at every entrance to the establishment. That ability does not apply to government buildings. Section 609.66 establishes a crime for possessing a firearm in a school or courthouse, and also establishes a crime for someone who does not have a permit to carry or explicit permission to carry a firearm in a building within the Capitol Area.

This bill authorizes local governments to prohibit or restrict a person from possessing a dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosives within a building, or on land, owned or leased by the local government unit; creates a requirement that the local unit of government post signs giving notice of the ban; and establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a violation.

### Summary

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| 1 | <p><b>Misdemeanor; possession on county, city, or town property.</b></p> <p>Authorizes local units of government to prohibit or restrict a person from possessing a dangerous weapon, ammunition, or explosives within a building or on land owned or leased by the local unit of government. Establishes exceptions for law enforcement officers and individuals given express permission to possess a firearm by the chief law enforcement officer or governing body. Establishes a misdemeanor penalty for a violation. Requires the local unit of government to post conspicuous signs to provide notice of the ban and specifies the requirements for the notice.</p> |
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