

Weapons Policy

History:

House Bill 2 of the 2013 Mississippi Legislature authorized the unlicensed Open Carry of firearms. The "HB2" Unlicensed Open Carry Law went into effect July 1, 2013. An injunction, declaring the definition of "concealed handgun" unconstitutionally vague, was initially put in place by a Circuit Court Judge in Jackson, MS. The injunction was vacated August 29th, 2013 by the Mississippi Supreme Court.

Policy:

The carry of any firearm or deadly weapon upon POA property is strictly prohibited.

Facility managers shall ensure that written notices, clearly readable at a distance of not less than ten feet (10') shall be posted at all entrances of each POA owned building or facility stating that the carry of a firearm or other deadly weapon is prohibited.

This policy does not apply to duly authorized law enforcement officers while on duty or in the performance of their duties.

Any person violating this policy shall be asked to remove their weapon from the premises or asked to leave the premises immediately. In the event the violating party refuses, the facility manager shall contact local law enforcement for assistance.

POA members that violate this policy will be required to appear before the Violations Compliance Committee and could have their privileges revoked for a period up to 6 months.