

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §61-7-6

## **§61-7-6. Exceptions as to prohibitions against carrying concealed handguns for persons at least eighteen years of age and fewer than twenty-one years of age; exemptions from licensing fees.**

(a) The provisions in section three of this article do not apply to any person at least eighteen years of age and fewer than twenty-one years of age who is:

- (1) Carrying a deadly weapon upon his or her own premises;
- (2) Carrying a firearm, unloaded, from the place of purchase to his or her home, residence or place of business or to a place of repair and back to his or her home, residence or place of business; or
- (3) Possessing a firearm while hunting in a lawful manner or while traveling from his or her home, residence or place of business to a hunting site and returning to his or her home, residence or place of business;
- (4) A member of a properly organized target-shooting club authorized by law to obtain firearms by purchase or requisition from this state or from the United States for the purpose of target practice from carrying any pistol, as defined in this article, unloaded, from his or her home, residence or place of business to a place of target practice and from any place of target practice back to his or her home, residence or place of business, for using any such weapon at a place of target practice in training and improving his or her skill in the use of the weapons;
- (5) A law-enforcement officer or law-enforcement official or chief executive as defined in section one, article twenty-nine, chapter thirty of this code;
- (6) An employee of the West Virginia Division of Corrections duly appointed pursuant to section eleven-c, article one, chapter twenty-five of this code while the employee is on duty;
- (7) A member of the United States armed forces, reserve or National Guard;
- (8) A resident of another state who holds a valid permit or license to possess or carry a handgun issued by a state or a political subdivision subject to the provisions and limitations set forth in section six-a of this article;
- (9) A federal law-enforcement officer or federal police officer authorized to carry a weapon in the performance of the officer's duty; and
- (10) A parole officer appointed pursuant to section fourteen, article twelve, chapter sixty-two of this code in the performance of his or her duties.

(b) The following judicial officers and prosecutors and staff are exempt from paying any application fees or licensure fees required under this article. However, they shall make application and satisfy all licensure and handgun safety and training requirements to obtain a license as set forth in section four of this article:

- (1) Any justice of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia;
- (2) Any circuit judge;
- (3) Any retired justice or retired circuit judge designated senior status by the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia;
- (4) Any family court judge;
- (5) Any magistrate;
- (6) Any prosecuting attorney;
- (7) Any assistant prosecuting attorney; or
- (8) Any duly appointed investigator employed by a prosecuting attorney.