



# Ohio Legislative Service Commission

## Bill Analysis

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### H.B. 452

131st General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Vitale, Becker, Brinkman, Buchy, Hood, Young, Zeltwanger

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## BILL SUMMARY

- Generally permits a concealed handgun licensee to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship.

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## CONTENT AND OPERATION

### Licensee permitted to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship

Existing law prohibits a person who holds a valid concealed handgun license from carrying a concealed handgun into a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship, unless the church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship posts or permits otherwise.<sup>1</sup>

The bill removes this prohibition, effectively permitting a licensee to carry a concealed handgun into a church, synagogue, mosque, or other place of worship, unless another provision of the Concealed Carry Law prohibits a licensee from carrying a handgun into a place of worship.

An ongoing provision of the Concealed Carry Law permits the owner or person in control of private land or premises to post a sign in a conspicuous location on that land or on those premises prohibiting persons from carrying firearms or concealed firearms on or onto that land or those premises. If the owner or person in control of a place of worship posts a sign of that nature in a conspicuous location on the place of worship, a licensee who knowingly carries a concealed handgun in the place of worship

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 2923.126(B)(6).

in violation of the posted sign is guilty of criminal trespass, a fourth degree misdemeanor.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

ACTION	DATE
Introduced	02-09-16

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<sup>2</sup> R.C. 2923.126(C)(3)(a).

