

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated
Title 21: Crimes and Punishments
Part VI. Crimes Against Public Peace
Chapter 53: Manufacturing, Selling and Wearing Weapons
§ 1273. Selling or giving weapons to minors

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A. It shall be unlawful for any person within this state to sell or give to any child any of the arms or weapons designated in Section 1272 of this title; provided, the provisions of this section shall not prohibit a parent of a child or legal guardian of a child, or a person acting with the permission of the parent of the child or legal guardian of the child, from giving the child a firearm for participation in hunting animals or fowl, hunter safety classes, education and training in the safe use and handling of firearms, target shooting, skeet, trap or other sporting events or competitions, except as provided in subsection B of this section.

B. It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian to intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly permit his or her child to possess any of the arms or weapons designated in Section 1272 of this title, including any firearm, if such parent is aware of a substantial risk that the child will use the weapon to commit a criminal offense or if the child has either been adjudicated a delinquent or has been convicted as an adult for any criminal offense that contains as an element the threat or use of physical force against the person of another.

C. It shall be unlawful for any child to possess any of the arms or weapons designated in Section 1272 of this title, except firearms used for participation in hunting animals or fowl, hunter safety classes, education and training in the safe use and handling of firearms, target shooting, skeet, trap or other sporting events or competitions. Provided, this section shall not authorize the possession of such weapons by any person who is subject to the provisions of Section 1283 of this title.

D. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction, be punished as provided in Section 1276 of this title, and, any child violating the provisions of this section shall be subject to adjudication as a delinquent. In addition, any person violating the provisions of subsection A or B of this section shall be liable for civil damages for any injury or death to any person and for any damage to property, resulting from any discharge of a firearm by the child or use of any other weapon that the person had given to the child or permitted the child to possess. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this section after having been issued a handgun license pursuant to any applicable provisions Oklahoma law may be liable for an administrative violation as provided in Section 1276 of this title.

E. As used in this section, "child" means a person under eighteen (18) years of age.

Historical Data

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