

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0224-22

DATE: November 10, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION CRIMINAL CODE AT 17 N.N.C. § 320 BY RECOGNIZING CONCEALED WEAPON CARRY PERMITS ISSUED BY STATES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is allow persons on the Navajo Nation to carry a concealed weapon if they have a duly authorized state issued concealed carry permit..

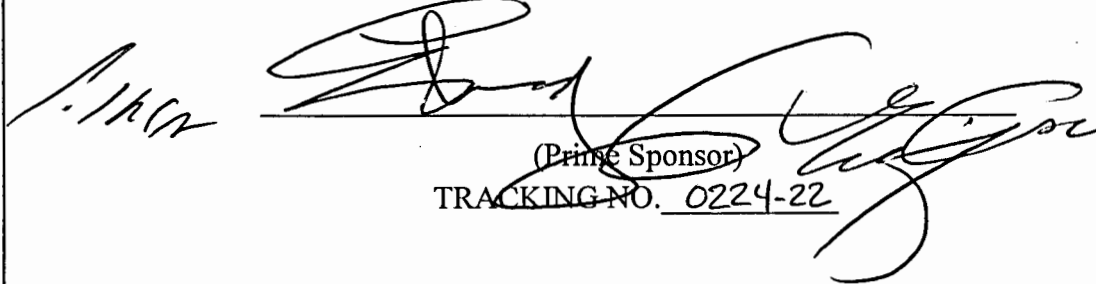
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Law & Order Committee
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY


(Prime Sponsor)
TRACKING NO. 0224-22

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council, 2 N.N.C. § 600 (A), with oversight over law enforcement and the Division of Public Safety and its programs. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600 and 601(C)(1).
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A). Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §164 (A)(9), "a proposed resolution that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council [must] be assigned to standing committee(s) having authority over the subject matter at issue and the Naabik'iyáti' Committee."
- C. The Navajo Nation Council, pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §102 (A), is the "governing body of the Navajo Nation" and must review and approve statements of policy and enactments of positive law. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

1 A. Navajo Nation law prohibits the unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon, particularly
2 loaded firearms. 17 N.N.C. § 320 (A). Generally, this law is not intended to apply to
3 police officers, persons in private vehicles when weapons are for protection and
4 located in a closed compartment, persons in their homes, persons in "an integral part
5 of [a] traditional Navajo religious ceremony," and persons engaged in the hunting of
6 predatory animals. *See* 17 N.N.C. §320 (B).

7 B. The Navajo Nation has not enacted statutory law to recognize or otherwise clearly
8 address duly-issued state permits for concealed weapons.
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10 SECTION THREE. AMENDING CRIMINAL CODE

11 The Navajo Nation Criminal Code, at 17 N.N.C. § 320, is amended as follows:
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14 §320. Unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon

15 A. Offense. A person commits unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon if he or she carries
16 a loaded firearm or any other type of deadly weapon.
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18 B. Exceptions. Subsection (A) of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:

- 19 1. To peace officers in the lawful discharge of their duties;
- 20 2. To persons in a private motor vehicle or other means of conveyance, for
21 lawful protection of the person's or another's person or property, while
22 traveling and such weapon is located in a closed trunk, luggage, or glove
23 compartment of a motor vehicle;
- 24 3. To a person in his or her residence, or on real property belonging to such
25 person as owner, lessee, tenant, or licensee;
- 26 4. To a person or persons carrying or discharging a firearm as an integral part of
27 any traditional Navajo religious practice, ceremony, or service;
- 28 5. To persons engaged in the hunting of game or predatory animals.
- 29 6. To a person who is issued, and lawfully possesses, a valid and current state
30 permit for concealed weapons, provided:

1 a). The weapon is being carried or transported in a manner consistent with the
2 terms and conditions of the state permit being invoked by the carrier; and,

3 b). Concealed weapons, loaded or not, shall not be carried:

4 1. Into any governmental building, office or property maintained by any
5 government;

6 2. Within 1000 feet of any school, including any child care facility;

7 3. Into churches or other places of religious worship;

8 4. Within any park or recreational area;

9 5. On any public passenger transportation vehicle, or private commercial
10 vehicle used for transporting passengers;

11 6. At any airport;

12 7. Into liquor establishments, including establishments where alcoholic
13 beverages are sold and consumed; and,

14 8. At or in locations, public or private, where signs are posted prohibiting
15 weapons of any kind; or when an owner or manager of property
16 verbally instructs a person, regardless of a valid permit, to leave the
17 premises.

18 C. Rules and Regulations. The Law and Order Committee shall be authorized to
19 enact rules and regulations consistent with the concealed weapons provisions
20 herein. Violations of such rules and regulations shall be prosecuted under this
21 section.

22 D. Sentence.

23 1. Any person found guilty of unlawful carrying of a deadly weapon may be
24 sentenced to imprisonment for a term not to exceed 180 days, or be ordered to
25 pay a fine not to exceed \$500, or both.

26 2. The trial court shall review all charges to ascertain whether there is a personal
27 victim of the offense(s) and may order that restitution or nályééh shall be paid
28 to the victim(s).

29 3. The trial court may utilize the services of the Navajo Peacemaking Program to
30 determine nályééh and make a sentencing recommendation regarding that

1 sentence, and the trial court may require the defendant to pay the fee of the
2 peacemaker.

- 3 4. The trial court may impose a peace or security bond upon the defendant,
4 including the pledges of family or clan sureties.
- 5 5. Upon the imposition of a bond or security pledges, the district Office of
6 Probation and Parole shall counsel the sureties of the consequences of breach
7 of the bond or pledge.
- 8 6. The trial court may impose community service sentences, to be served under
9 the supervision of an organization or an individual designated by the court.

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12 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 This Action of the Navajo Nation Council shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §
14 221(B).

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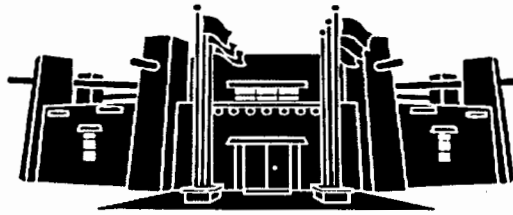
16 **SECTION FIVE. CODIFICATION**

17 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the
18 Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such
19 amendments in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

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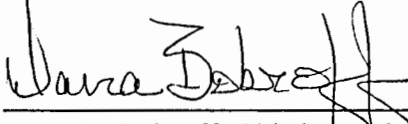
21 **SECTION SIX. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

22 Should any provision of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation
23 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo
24 Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain
25 the law of the Nation.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Edmund Yazzie
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Dana L. Bobroff, Chief Legislative Counsel
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: November 8, 2022

SUBJECT: **AN ACT RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING THE NAVAJO NATION CRIMINAL CODE AT 17 N.N.C. § 320 BY RECOGNIZING CONCEALED WEAPON CARRY PERMITS ISSUED BY STATES**

I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. §164(A)(5).

Please ensure that his particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

THE NAVAJO NATION
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LEGISLATION NO: _0224-22_

SPONSOR: Edmund Yazzie

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Date posted: November 15, 2022 at 5:50 PM

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Office of Legislative Services
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Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

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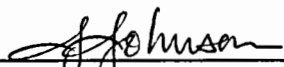
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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	1) Shonie De La Rosa
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Comments/Recommendations	<i>None</i>



**Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services**

November 21, 2022; 8:10 AM

Date/Time

Comments on Legislation 0224-22

Shonie De La Rosa <sheepheadfilms@yahoo.com>

Thu 11/17/2022 2:01 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Legislation 0224-22

Shonie De La Rosa

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Phone: (928)

Email: sheepheadfilms@yahoo.com

My name is Shonie De La Rosa I am a Navajo and a community member of Kayenta, AZ. I was recently elected as a Kayenta Township Commissioner and will begin my term in January 2023. I am also a life member of the Arizona Rifle & Pistol Association which is the Arizona representative of the NRA (National Rifle Association). I completely support Legislation 0224-22 "Recognizing Concealed Weapon Carry Permits Issued by other States". There are many reasons as to why I support this legislation.

- 1) We all have the responsibility and duty to protect ourselves and family. You never know when a criminal may commit an act against ourselves or family member.
- 2) Most of the time we do not have the time to wait for law enforcement to arrive when we are in serious danger from a criminal. This is especially true here on the Navajo Nation with very few police officers to cover the entire Navajo Nation. We all know response time from the Navajo Police is rarely ever immediate.
- 3) Criminals would be less likely to attack someone when they do not know if an individual is armed or not. Criminals would have to consider if they want to risk a threat of a well-armed & trained individual.
- 4) Criminals are everywhere. Even right here at home on the Navajo Nation. With the ever rising problem of alcohol and drug addiction on the Navajo Nation, many addicts have turned to violent crime to support their habits.
- 5) People with a concealed carry license develop a huge respect and responsibility for firearms. When an individual starts classes to obtain a CC license, they will go through many hours of training. They will learn everything from firearm safety, maintenance, and state & federal firearm laws.

Thank you,

Shonie De La Rosa

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Comments Supporting	1) Jarvis Williams
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Comments/Recommendations	<i>None</i>



**Policy Analyst
Office of Legislative Services**

**November 29, 2022; 8:20 AM
Date/Time**

Legislation 0224-22 Comments

Jarvis Williams <williamsjarvis73@gmail.com>

Tue 11/22/2022 1:41 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Good afternoon,

I wanted to submit my comments for Legislation 0224-22: Amending the Navajo Nation Criminal Code at 17 N.N.C. Sect 320 by Recognizing Concealed Weapon Carry Permits Issued by States.

I support the passage of Legislation 0224-22. It is the right of every person to protect themselves or their families. Currently, the response time for public safety to a residence can be too long. However, if the person or family that was being assaulted were to be known prior that they had a concealed weapon then perhaps the perpetrator would think twice.

In some instances, I have called public safety and they never showed to my residence. Another example, there are bootleggers and drug dealers that live on my street and they openly carry their weapons. They went so far as to threaten my family.

Therefore, I want to carry a concealed weapon for the protection of my family and myself.

Thanks,

Jarvis Williams

Kayenta, AZ

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**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE
24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

FOURTH YEAR 2022

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

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Has had it under consideration and reports a DO PASS with no amendments.

And thereafter the legislation was referred to Naabik'iyati' Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council

Date: November 21, 2022

Main Motion:

Motion : Honorable Edmund Yazzie
Second : Honorable Vince James
Vote : 2-0-3

LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
November 21, 2022

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VOTE TALLY SHEET:

Main Motion:

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Second: Honorable Vince James

Vote: 2-0-3


Yea: Honorable Vince James//Honorable Edmund Yazzie

Nay:

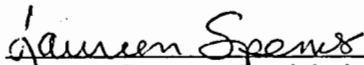
Not Voting: Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman/Honorable Eugene Tso

Excused: Honorable Otto Tso

Absent:



Eugenia Charles-Newton, Chairwoman
Law and Order Committee
24th Navajo Nation Council



Laureen Spencer, Legislative Advisor
Office of Legislative Services