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Introduced by Sen. ORTT -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Codes

AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to allowing rifles, shotguns, and firearms on college and university campuses

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 265.01-a of the penal law, as added by chapter 1 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 265.01-a[~~.~~] Criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds.

A person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds when he or she knowingly has in his or her possession a rifle, shotgun, or firearm in or upon a building or grounds, used for educational purposes, of any school[~~, college, or university, except the forestry lands, wherever located, owned and maintained by the State University of New York college of environmental science and forestry,~~] or upon a school bus as defined in section one hundred forty-two of the vehicle and traffic law, without the written authorization of such educational institution. **This section shall not apply to college or university buildings or grounds.**

Criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds is a class E felony.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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