



STATE OF ARIZONA

JANET NAPOLITANO
GOVERNOR

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
1700 WEST WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85007

MAIN PHONE: 602-542-4331
FACSIMILE: 602-542-7601

April 27, 2007

The Honorable Timothy S. Bee
President
Arizona State Senate
1700 West Washington Street
Senate Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: SB 1301: misconduct involving weapons; exception

Dear President Bee:

Today I vetoed Senate Bill 1301, which would have expanded the circumstances under which a person could legally carry a concealed weapon without a permit.

I object to the provisions of this bill that would allow weapons to be carried without a concealed weapons permit so long as *any* portion of the weapon is visible. A small corner of the handle of a gun may be insufficient to give reasonable notice to the public or to law enforcement that a person is armed.

Moreover, if lawful gun owners wish to carry concealed weapons in common areas of office buildings, or other places this bill would allow, they should get a permit. Allowing concealed weapons in office parking lots or other common areas to be carried by persons who have not met the qualification requirements set forth in A.R.S. § 13-3112 is not in the best interests of Arizonans.

For these and other reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill 1301.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Napolitano".

Janet Napolitano
Governor

JN:TAN/jm

cc: The Honorable Jim Weiers
The Honorable Karen Johnson