

13 V.S.A. 423 is amended to read:

§ 4023. POSSESSION OF FIREARMS IN HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

PROHIBITED

(a) A person shall not knowingly possess a firearm while within a hospital building.

(b) A person who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$250.00.

(c) This section shall not apply to a firearm possessed by:

(1) a federal law enforcement officer or a law enforcement officer certified as a law enforcement officer by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council pursuant to 20 V.S.A. § 2358, for legitimate law enforcement purposes;

(2) a security guard or private investigator performing the security guard's or private investigator's official duties who is licensed under 26 V.S.A. chapter 59 and possesses a firearms certification issued under 26 V.S.A. § 3175c;

(3) a corrections officer performing the officer's official duties unless the officer has been directed not to carry weapons while on duty by the Commissioner of Corrections pursuant to 28 V.S.A. 551a(b);

(4) a law enforcement officer of another state who is authorized to carry a firearm by the officer's state or local law enforcement agency and is carrying the firearm for legitimate law enforcement purposes; or

(5) a member of the Vermont National Guard, of the National Guard of another state, or of the U.S. Armed Forces who is on duty and acting under state or federal orders.

(d) Notice of the provisions of this section shall be posted conspicuously at each public entrance to each hospital.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Firearm" has the same meaning as in subsection 4017(d) of this title.

(2) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in 18 V.S.A. § 1902.