

Bill to allow 18-year-olds to conceal carry passes House

Dry Ridge’s Maddox is primary sponsor

BY LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION

FRANKFORT — A bill that would allow 18- to 20-year-olds to conceal a firearm breezed through the Kentucky House of Representatives, 73-17, this week and now awaits a vote in the Senate.

Rep. Savannah Maddox, (R-Dry Ridge), is the primary sponsor of the legislation. She was joined by primary co-sponsor Rep. Josh Bray, R-Mount Vernon, to testify on the bill during Wednesday’s House Judiciary Committee meeting.

“Right now, in Kentucky, citizens who are 18, 19, or 20 years old can legally vote,” Maddox said prior to the House vote.” They can sign contracts.

They can join the military, serve in combat, start a family, own a business and possess a firearm,” Maddox said. “Yet, currently under the law, these same adults are prohibited from carrying that same firearm concealed for self-defense.”

Under the proposed legislation, Kentucky State Police would be permitted to issue a provisional concealed carry firearm or other deadly weapons license to an 18- to 20-year-old.

Young adults would be required to undergo a background check and complete firearms training in order to qualify.

Maddox said HB 312 will “expand the ability of law-abiding citizens to exercise their constitutional rights to keep and bear arms.”

If passed, Kentucky would join 25 other states that allow law-abiding citizens between the ages of 18 and 20 to conceal carry a firearm for self-defense purposes, she added.

“Our Second Amendment is clear: The right of the people

to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed, and 18- to 20-year-olds are very much apart of the people,” Maddox said.

Bray told the committee he agrees with Maddox’s statements on the bill.

Most of the committee members shared their thoughts on the bill while explaining his or her vote.

House Minority Caucus Chair Lindsey Burke, D-Lexington, voted “no” on HB 312 due to concerns over young adults using firearms in suicide.

“I’m not even thinking about accidents or using the firearm against someone else,” she said. “I think about the young people who go to college or trade school or out into the community and they kill themselves. I don’t want these kids to have an easier time getting a gun.”

Rep. Nima Kulkarni, D-Louisville, also expressed concerns over young adults having access to firearms.

Maddox said the bill wouldn’t change access, only the ability for individuals to carry in a

concealed manner.

Several other lawmakers shared they support the bill because it requires firearm safety training.

Rep. Kimberly Poore Moser, R-Taylor Mill, said she voted in favor of the legislation because she believes anytime the general assembly considers a bill on firearms, it should include provisions on safety and training.

House Majority Whip Jason Nemes, R-Middletown, said HB 312 is “a responsible approach.” He believes the bill is supported by the Kentucky Constitution and that the required firearms training would protect young people instead of leading to more harm.

“I hope (the bill) makes it through to the finish line to protect our young folks and to educate them on how to use firearms,” Nemes said.

HB 312 advanced from the House Judiciary Committee by a 15-3 vote. It will now go before the full House for consideration.



Andrew West

Rep. Savannah Maddox, (R-Dry Ridge), advocates for House Bill 312 before the House Judiciary Committee last Wednesday. The legislation would allow 18- to 20-year-olds to obtain a provisional concealed carry license.

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- In-Person: Northern Kentucky Area Development District Office, 22 Spiral Drive, Florence, Kentucky 41042
- Virtual: <https://teams.microsoft.com/join/25967903311911?p=uDdMKwf2etOe7ZaOez>
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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 23-CI-264

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF

VS. **NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER’S SALE**

HOPPER-KINGSTON, AMANDA, ET AL DEFENDANTS

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By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Grant Circuit Court on September 10, 2025, and a subsequent Order entered on January 14, 2026, I will sell at public auction at the **Judicial Center Lobby**, 224 South Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, the property described herein located in Grant County, Kentucky, on **Wednesday, February 25, 2026**, at the hour of **1:30 p.m.**, prevailing time, and more particularly described as follows:
More Commonly Known As: 1295 Knoxville Road, Dry Ridge, KY 41035
Map ID #: 057-00-00-073.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.
Announcements made on the day of sale take precedence over printed material.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$148,127.96 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 4% from March 1, 2020, until paid in full plus late fees, costs, attorney fees, and other advances.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 4% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder’s own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser’s liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser’s costs.

The aforesaid property shall be sold free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, except the following:

- All unpaid state, county and city real estate taxes for the year 2025;
- Easements, restrictions, and stipulations of record;
- Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- Any facts which an inspection and/or accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Final Judgment and Order of Sale and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Court of Grant County.

/s/ Edward M. Bourne
MASTER COMMISSIONER
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
GRANT CIRCUIT COURT
CASE NO. 25-CI-00240

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STEVEN W. AULBACH, ET UX PLAINTIFF

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KELLY O. WILDMAN, ET UX ET AL DEFENDANTS

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Being part of the same property conveyed by Rita M. Beach, single and Gail K. Bailey, single to Steven W. Aulbach and Karen M. Aulbach, husband and wife, by deed recorded on August 25, 2021 and recorded in Deed Book 422, page 250 in the Grant County Clerk’s Office, Williamstown, Kentucky.

Property Address: 260 Stevens Lane, Williamstown, KY
Map ID #018-00-00-033.00

There is not a mobile home, doublewide and/or manufactured home included in the sale.
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The amount of money to be raised by this sale is the principal sum of \$82,533.05; together with accrued interest thereon to January 14, 2026 in the amount of \$32,159.19; plus real property taxes for 2023 in the amount of \$738.25; for 2024 in the amount of \$1,331.56; for 2025 in the amount of \$1,195.22; plus late fees in the amount of \$3,241.40; plus costs and attorney fees and costs in the amount of \$4,827.38; plus Per Diem Interest after January 14, 2026 in the amount of \$27.51.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, except that said deposit shall be waived if the Plaintiff is the successful bidder at the sale, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days bearing interest at the rate of 12% per annum for the date of sale. When the purchase price is paid in full, the deed will be delivered to the purchaser. It is further provided that the property sold includes insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder’s own expense, carry fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements from the date of sale until the purchase price is fully paid in the amount of the Court appraised value of said improvements or the amount of the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, at minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Grant Circuit Court and the Plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchasers to obtain such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser’s liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require, the Plaintiff to obtain said insurance and furnish the policy or premium thereon or the proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser’s costs.

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