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Governor vetoes weapons measure

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PHOENIX — Arizonans will not be able to carry partially hidden guns unless they have a special permit.

Gov. Janet Napolitano vetoed legislation Friday that would have said a weapon is not considered concealed if any portion of the gun or even the holster is visible. The legislation would also have affected swords, which are also considered weapons under the law, if any portion of it or the case can be seen.

The measure also would have expanded the areas where someone could carry an entirely concealed weapon without fear of arrest.

State law generally allows anyone to have a "deadly weapon" as long as it is visible.

Those who want to carry a concealed weapon — most often a gun — must get a special permit. That requires background check, fingerprinting and special training. Anyone else, however, can be arrested and potentially jailed for up to six months, though the House approved a measure this week to reduce the fine to \$300.

This measure was designed to prevent police from arresting those whose clothing partially hides a weapon. Napolitano said that is unacceptable.

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