Beginning Oct. 1, 2013, North Carolina A&T State University will observe the amendment to G.S. 14-269.2 that allows concealed handgun permit holders to transport and/or store their personal handguns in a locked vehicle, in a locked container while traveling or parked on educational property.

The House Bill 937 was signed into law on July 29, 2013 by Gov. Pat McCrory. Under the current law, it is a Class I felony for any person to knowingly possess or carry, whether openly or concealed, any gun, rifle, pistol or other firearm of any kind on educational property or to curricular or extracurricular activities sponsored by the school.

It still remains a Class I felony if the handgun is removed from the vehicle for any reason or if the handgun is transported or locked in a vehicle on A&T property by anyone who is not a concealed handgun permit holder. Anyone in violation of this law will be charged accordingly by University Police.

N.C. A&T strongly opposes weapons of any kind on campus. However, the university will observe the legislative changes.

Listed below are frequently asked questions that may assist you in understanding the new gun law:
Q: Do I have to have a Concealed Carry Permit to store my gun in my vehicle?
A: Yes. You must possess a Concealed Carry Permit.

Q: Will I be allowed to carry my gun on campus?
A: No. Those who possess a Concealed Carry Permit are not permitted to carry their gun on their person.

Q: Do I have to notify anyone on campus that I’m transporting/storing a gun in my vehicle?
A: No, but if your vehicle is stopped by a police officer, you must inform the officer that you’re transporting a gun inside of your vehicle.

Q: If attending a football game, does the law apply to the stadium as well?
A: Yes. The stadium is a part of the University. As such, it’s considered educational property and within the confines of the stadium, the gun can be secured inside of a vehicle.

Q: Where should I store my gun while it’s in my vehicle?
A: The gun can be stored inside of a locked container, inside of the glove compartment or in the trunk of a vehicle.

Q: Who has the authority to ask an employee/student who has a gun in their vehicle, if he or she has the appropriate permit?
A: Anyone is permitted to ask, but the individual asked is not required to reply unless asked by a police officer.

Q: Are there any circumstances which would permit me to take my gun outside of my vehicle?
A: No. Under law, there are no circumstances which would allow the gun to be taken out of the vehicle.

Q: If I remove my gun from my vehicle, can I be charged with a crime?
A: Yes. If a gun is on your possession outside of your vehicle, you will be charged with a crime.