
DIGEST

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

HB 140

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

WEAPONS: Provides relative to the regulation of firearms in certain locations

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added the following to the list of places into which a concealed handgun permit holder is not authorized nor entitled to carry a concealed handgun and in which the carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited:
 - (a) Sporting events, concerts, festivals, or gatherings in which a paper or electronic ticket is required for admission.
 - (b) A building containing offices of the governing authority of a political subdivision.
 - (c) A building containing state offices.
2. Amended proposed law to authorize a political subdivision to enact an ordinance prohibiting the possession of a firearm in any location in which the carrying of a concealed handgun is prohibited and in which a concealed handgun permit holder is not authorized to carry a concealed handgun, and not just those locations that are commercial establishments or public buildings.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Specify that the locations into which no concealed handgun may be carried and the locations for which a political subdivision may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the possession of weapons or firearms include a municipal building or other public building or structure, only if the building or structure is utilized as the meeting place of the governing authority of a political subdivision.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 40:1796) limits a political subdivision's authority to enact certain ordinances or regulations involving firearms. In this regard, present law prohibits a governing authority of a political subdivision from enacting any ordinance or regulation that is more restrictive than state law concerning the sale, purchase, possession, ownership, transfer, transportation, license, or registration of firearms, ammunition, or components of firearms or ammunition.

However, present law (R.S. 40:1796) further provides that this provision of present law does not apply to the authority of political subdivisions to prohibit the possession of a weapon or firearm in certain commercial establishments and public buildings.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a political subdivision may only prohibit the possession of a weapon or firearm in the commercial establishments and public buildings enumerated in the present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(N)) list of places where a concealed handgun permit holder is prohibited from carrying a concealed handgun, including but not limited to meeting places of a governing authority, and the state capitol building.

Proposed law amends the present law list of locations into which no concealed handgun may be carried and, pursuant to proposed law the locations for which a political subdivision may adopt an ordinance prohibiting the possession of weapons or firearms, to include a municipal building or other public building or structure, only if the building or structure is utilized as the meeting place of the governing authority of a political subdivision.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(5) and 1796(A))