

SENATE BILL NO. 402

BY SENATORS RISER AND JOHN SMITH

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(U)(2) and (5), relative to concealed handguns; to provide relative to concealed handguns carried by authorized persons in houses of worship; to provide for certain tactical training; to provide for requirements for certain religious organizations to allow concealed handguns to be carried in places of worship pursuant to valid handgun permits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(U)(2) and (5) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures; definitions

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(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, or mosque from employing or designating as armed security guards **persons** who are either certified law enforcement officers or ~~who are~~ authorized to carry concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Section. Armed security guards as provided in this Paragraph may be compensated, noncompensated, or volunteers.

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(5) Any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this Subsection shall require an additional eight ~~hour~~ **hours of** tactical training for those persons wishing to carry concealed

1 handguns in the church, synagogue, or mosque **if required by the entity which has**
 2 **authority over the religious organization pursuant to Paragraph (1) of this**
 3 **Subsection or by the owner of the building's liability insurance policy.** The
 4 training shall be conducted annually.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____