

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 68

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WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides with respect to concealed handgun permits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(U),
3 relative to concealed handgun permits; to increase the number of years a concealed
4 handgun permit is valid; to authorize certain religious organizations to allow
5 concealed handguns to be carried in places of worship pursuant to a valid concealed
6 handgun permit; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8) are hereby amended and reenacted and
9 R.S. 40:1379.3(U) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

10 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
11 definitions

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13 H.(1)

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15 (2) The deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of
16 Public Safety and Corrections shall issue timely and without delay the concealed
17 handgun permit to all qualified applicants, which permit shall be for a term of ~~four~~
18 five years and which shall be valid in all parishes statewide. The division shall
19 promulgate rules for the purpose of providing for permits and fees for fewer than
20 ~~four~~ five years to the applicants requesting a shorter time period. Fees shall be

1 reduced proportionately for terms of fewer than ~~four~~ five years. The permit shall be
2 retained by the permittee who shall immediately produce it upon the request of any
3 law enforcement officer.

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5 N. No concealed handgun may be carried into and no concealed handgun
6 permit issued pursuant to this Section shall authorize or entitle a permittee to carry
7 a concealed handgun in any of the following:

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9 (8) Any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship,
10 except as provided for in Subsection U of this Section.

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12 U.(1) The entity which owns or has authority over a church, synagogue,
13 mosque, or other similar place of worship shall have the authority to authorize any
14 person issued a valid concealed handgun permit as authorized by the provisions of
15 this Section to carry a concealed handgun in the church, synagogue, mosque, or other
16 similar place of worship.

17 (2) The provisions of this Subsection shall not be construed to limit or
18 prohibit any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship from
19 employing armed security guards who are either certified law enforcement officers
20 or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns pursuant to the provisions of this
21 Section.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the number of years a concealed handgun permit is valid and authorizes religious organizations to authorize carrying a concealed handgun in places of worship.

Present law provides criteria for the issuance of concealed handgun permits and the carrying of concealed handguns.

Present law provides that a concealed handgun permit has a term of four years.

Proposed law increases the term of a concealed handgun permit from four years to five years.

Present law prohibits carrying a concealed handgun in any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

Proposed law changes present law to create an exception if the entity which owns or has authority over a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship has authorized any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in such place of worship.

Proposed law further provides that proposed law shall not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship from employing armed security guards who are either certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(H)(2) and (N)(8); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(U))