

Regular Session, 2010

SENATE BILL NO. 174

BY SENATOR SMITH

WEAPONS. Reduces training course requirements for a concealed weapons permit for combat veterans. (8/15/10)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(1)(i), relative
3 to statewide permits for concealed handguns; to reduce training requirements on
4 combat veterans; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
7 40:1379.3(D)(1)(i) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
9 definitions

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11 D.(1) In addition to the requirements of Subsection C of this Section, an
12 applicant shall demonstrate competence with a handgun by any one of the following:

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14 **(i) For personnel released or retired from active duty or for personnel**
15 **on active duty or serving in one of the National Guard or reserve components**
16 **of the Armed Forces possession of proof indicating combat service as evidenced**
17 **by a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214) and any of the following:**

1 (i) Completion of the field proficiency test and the legal instruction on
 2 the use of deadly force and conflict resolution component of any National Rifle
 3 Association handguns safety or training course conducted by a National Rifle
 4 Association certified instructor within the preceding twelve months;

5 (ii) Completion of the field proficiency test and the legal instruction on
 6 the use of deadly force and conflict resolution component of any Department of
 7 Public Safety and Corrections approved firearms safety or training course or
 8 class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement agency,
 9 college, or private or public institution or organization or firearms training
 10 school within the preceding twelve months.

11 (iii) Completion of the field proficiency test and the legal instruction on
 12 the use of deadly force and conflict resolution component of any firearms
 13 training or safety course or class approved by the Department of Public Safety
 14 and Corrections within the preceding twelve months.

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16 (2) Instructors for any class, training, or course of instruction authorized by
 17 this Subsection, except for small arms training in military service as provided in
 18 Subparagraph (1)(g) of this Subsection, shall be certified as an instructor by the
 19 National Rifle Association as an instructor for civilians or law enforcement or by the
 20 Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training as a firearms instructor. Any safety
 21 or training course or class as described in this Subsection, except for basic handgun
 22 training in military service provided in Subparagraph (1)(g) **and training for**
 23 **combat veterans as provided in Subparagraph (1)(i)** of this Subsection, shall
 24 include instruction in child access prevention.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Heyward Jeffers.

DIGEST

Present law provides various qualifications for individuals seeking concealed handgun permits as well as a demonstration of competence with a handgun evidenced by completion of an approved training program taught by a certified instructor.

Present rule (L.A.C. 55:1311) provides that the training programs generally consists of the following:

- (1) One hour of instruction on handgun nomenclature and safe handling procedures of a revolver and semi-automatic pistol.
- (2) One hour of instruction on ammunition knowledge and fundamentals of pistol shooting.
- (3) One hour of instruction on handgun shooting positions.
- (4) Three hours of legal instruction on the use of deadly force and conflict resolution which includes a review of the criminal statutes regarding justifications, justifiable homicide, self-defense and defense of others and may include other laws relating to the use of deadly force.
- (5) One hour of instruction on child access prevention.
- (6) Two hours of actual live range fire and proper handgun cleaning procedures. Live range fire includes 12 rounds shot at each of 6 feet, 10 feet and 15 feet for a total of 36 rounds. At least one safe reload of the handgun must be performed at each distance and the applicant or permittee must score 100% hits with the silhouette portion of a N.R.A. B-27 type silhouette target with at least 36 rounds.

Propose law provides that a combat veteran may demonstrate competence with a handgun by proof of his combat veteran status and completion of the field test and legal instruction components of a training class.

Effective August 15, 2010.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(2); adds R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(1)(i))