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## DIGEST

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Thompson

HB No. 8

**Abstract:** Prohibits the release of information contained in concealed handgun permit applications and information regarding the identity of any person who applied for or received such a permit, and provides criminal penalties.

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

Present law further provides that any information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information provided in connection with the application submitted to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections is confidential, shall not be subject to any public records request, and shall not be considered a public record.

Present law further provides that DPS&C shall not release any list of persons who applied for or received a permit for a concealed handgun.

Proposed law prohibits the release of this information contained in present law and provides penalties as follows:

- (1) An employee of DPS&C or any law enforcement officer who intentionally disseminates for publication information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Provides an exception if a court orders the release.
- (2) Any other person who releases, disseminates, or makes public the confidential information shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned for not more than two years, with or without hard labor, or both.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Amended the prohibition applicable to law enforcement officers and DPS&C employees by specifying that such persons are prohibited from intentionally disseminating for publication information covered by proposed law.