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## DIGEST

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### CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 8 by Representative Thompson

#### **Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House**

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Prohibits the release of information associated with concealed handgun permits or applications for such permits

#### **Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee**

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 intentionally releases, disseminates, or makes public the confidential information shall be fined \$10,000 and may be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Creates exceptions to proposed law if either a court orders the release of the information, if the concealed handgun permit holder or applicant is charged with a felony offense involving the use

of a handgun, if the permit holder or applicant consents to the release of the information, or if the information has been made public by the permit holder or applicant.

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