Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 10

BY REPRESENTATIVE HENRY BURNS

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides relative to the exemption for law enforcement officers regarding the carrying of weapons in alcoholic beverage outlets

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(C), relative to the possession of a firearm on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet; to exempt law enforcement officers from this prohibition; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95.5(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§95.5. Possession of firearm on premises of alcoholic beverage outlet

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C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the owner or lessee of an alcoholic beverage outlet, ~~or to~~ an employee of such owner or lessee, or to a law enforcement officer or other person vested with law enforcement authority ~~acting in the performance of his official duties~~.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to the prohibition against carrying firearms in an alcoholic beverage outlet for law enforcement officers even though they are not acting in the performance of their official duties.

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Present law prohibits any person from possessing a firearm while on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet and provides for criminal penalties including a maximum fine of $500, a term of imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Present law contains exceptions for the owner or lessee of the establishment, an employee of the owner or lessee, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his official duties.

Proposed law retains present law except it removes the condition that the law enforcement officer is acting in the performance of his official duties.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.5(C))

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