

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 72

BY REPRESENTATIVES LOPINTO, HENRY BURNS, AND THOMPSON

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides relative to the possession of firearms by concealed handgun permit holders and law enforcement officers in certain alcoholic beverage establishments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(C), relative to the possession of a firearm on the
3 premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet; to exempt certain law enforcement officers
4 from the prohibition; to exempt concealed permit holders from the prohibition as it
5 relates to restaurants; to provide relative to the authority of sheriffs or chief law
6 enforcement officers to establish policies in this regard; and to provide for related
7 matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

10 §95.5. Possession of firearm on premises of alcoholic beverage outlet

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12 C.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the owner or lessee of
13 an alcoholic beverage outlet, ~~or to~~ an employee of such owner or lessee, or to a law
14 enforcement officer or other person vested with law enforcement authority or listed
15 in R.S. 14:95(G) or (H) acting in the performance of his official duties.

16 (2) The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a person possessing a
17 firearm in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S.
18 40:1379.1 or 1379.3 on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet which has been
19 issued a Class A-Restaurant permit, as defined in Part II of Chapter 1 or Part II of
20 Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added language regarding the policies of the sheriff or chief law enforcement officer regarding the carrying of concealed handguns in alcoholic beverage outlets by law enforcement officers under their authority.
2. Added language creating an exception for certain persons including judges, district attorneys, and assistant district attorneys.