
DIGEST

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HB No. 1066

Abstract: Provides for a federal criminal history check prior to the issuance of a concealed handgun permit.

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

Present law provides for the qualifications and criteria required to be issued a concealed handgun permit.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that an applicant for a concealed handgun permit shall not be ineligible to possess a firearm under federal law.

Proposed law retains this provision of present law and adds that the applicant shall also not be ineligible to receive a firearm under federal law.

Present law provides that state police execute a thorough background investigation, including a criminal history check, of every applicant for the purpose of verifying the qualifications of the applicant prior to issuing a concealed handgun permit. Defines a background check as a computer check of available on-line state records, and, if warranted, the fingerprints may be forwarded to the FBI.

Proposed law retains these provisions of present law and further requires state police to make an inquiry on every applicant to the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Proposed law provides that if the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, the applicant shall provide any alien or admission number issued by the U.S. Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and any basis, if applicable, for an exception to the prohibitions from possession of a firearm under federal law.

Proposed law provides that a person whose permit has been suspended or revoked by the department and who uses that permit to purchase a firearm from a licensed dealer knowing that the permit has been suspended or revoked shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(1) and (17), (K), and (T)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Added requirement that to be eligible to receive a concealed handgun permit, the applicant shall not be ineligible to receive a firearm under federal law.
2. Retained the proposed law requirement for a federal criminal history check, but substantially reworded that requirement.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added penalty provisions for using a suspended or revoked concealed handgun permit to purchase a firearm.