

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

BY REPRESENTATIVE IVEY

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Excludes carrying a concealed handgun from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95(L), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to exempt certain  
3 Louisiana residents from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons if the firearm is a  
4 handgun; to provide for applicability; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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9 L. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to a  
10 Louisiana resident if all of the following conditions are met:

11 (1) The Louisiana resident is twenty-one years of age or older.

12 (2) The Louisiana resident is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under  
13 R.S. 14:95.1 or any federal law.

14 (3) The firearm is a handgun that is commonly referred to as a pistol or  
15 revolver originally designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and that is  
16 designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition. For purposes of  
17 this Subsection, the term "handgun" shall not include shotguns or rifles that have  
18 been altered by having their stocks or barrels cut or shortened.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Excludes La. residents who are 21 years of age or older from prosecution for carrying a concealed firearm if the firearm is a handgun and the person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Present law prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law for a La. resident who meets the following criteria:

- (1) The La. resident is 21 years of age or older.
- (2) The La. resident is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal law or a state law which prohibits certain felons from possessing or concealing firearms.
- (3) The firearm is a handgun that is commonly referred to as a pistol or revolver originally designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and that is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition. The term "handgun" shall not include shotguns or rifles that have been altered by having their stocks or barrels cut or shortened.

(Adds R.S. 14:95(L))