

**ACT No. 543**

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 223

BY REPRESENTATIVE TERRY LANDRY

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(E), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide relative to felony penalty provisions of possession of a firearm while unlawfully in the possession of a controlled dangerous substance; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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E. If the offender uses, possesses, or has under his immediate control any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, while committing or attempting to commit a crime of violence or while unlawfully in the possession of a controlled dangerous substance except the possession of fourteen grams or less of marijuana, or during the unlawful sale or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance, the offender shall be fined not more than ten thousand dollars and imprisoned at hard labor for not less than five nor more than ten years without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence. Upon a second or subsequent conviction, the offender shall be imprisoned at hard

1 labor for not less than twenty years nor more than thirty years without the benefit of  
2 probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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