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Abstract: Requires applicants for licenses for blasters and handlers of explosives to be eighteen years of age or older.

<u>Present law</u> prohibits any person or business from acquiring, selling, possessing, storing, engaging in the use of, or otherwise handling explosives in this state, except in conformity with the provisions of <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides that licenses issued by the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to handle explosives shall be issued for a period not to exceed four years from the date of issuance.

<u>Present law</u> provides numerous criteria required of applicants, including determinations of mental health, lack of certain criminal convictions or arrests, lack of discharge from the armed services under conditions other than honorable, being a legal resident of the United States, and being 21 years of age or older.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> but requires applicants for licenses for blasters and handlers of explosives to be eighteen years of age or older.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(2)(c))