

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 143

2022 Regular Session

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

WEAPONS. Provides for concealed carrying of firearms. (8/1/22)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Increases from 60 minutes to two hours the online concealed handgun education course.
2. Adds provision that the online course is optional and not required to obtain a concealed handgun permit.
3. Provides for content, structures, and accessibility be developed by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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Present law provides for the crime of "illegal carrying of weapons" in part as the intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon by a person.

Present law provides for certain exceptions to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, including for those La. residents issued a concealed handgun permit by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law creates an additional exception for any La. resident who does not possess a concealed handgun permit but otherwise meets the same eligibility requirements as those who do possess a concealed handgun permit, if the resident is a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; a member of the La. National Guard or the La. Air National Guard; or a former member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the La. National Guard, or the La. Air National Guard who has been honorably discharged from service.

Proposed law requires that a person in possession of a concealed handgun pursuant to the permit exception must have on his person proof that he meets the qualifications, which may be a valid military ID, a valid La. driver's license or special ID card displaying the word "Veteran", or a valid La. driver's license or special ID card accompanied by a Dept. of Defense Form 214 indicating character of service as "Honorable" or "Under Honorable Conditions (General)".

Proposed law provides that any person carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to the permit exception is deemed to have met all requirements of proposed law.

Present law prohibits a concealed handgun permit holder from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.

Proposed law extends the prohibition from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Present law requires a concealed handgun permit holder to notify any police officer who approaches the permittee in an official manner or with an identified official purpose that he

has a weapon on his person, submit to a pat-down, and allow the officer to temporarily disarm him.

Proposed law extends the notification requirement to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Proposed law requires state police to provide a two hour online concealed handgun education course. Provides that the course include instruction on conflict resolution, accident prevention, unauthorized access prevention, and safe handling of a handgun.

Proposed law states that the purpose of the online education course is to educate the public on firearm safety and use. Provides that the course be optional and not be a requirement for obtaining a concealed handgun permit and that completion of the course does not grant any person the right to carry a concealed handgun.

Proposed law requires state police to maintain an online database of all licensed handgun and firearm instructors to be made available to the public.

Proposed law requires state police to post on its website all requirements to meet the concealed carry permit exception.

Proposed law requires that the Department of Public Safety and Correction, office of state police, develop and promulgate the content, structure, accessibility, and all other related matters of the online handgun education.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2) and (I)(1) and (2); adds R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3.3)

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