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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Removes the prohibition of a convicted felon from carrying a firearm for a period of 10 years from completion of sentence.

Present law (R.S. 14:95.1(C)) provides that a convicted felon may not possess or conceal carry a firearm for a period of 10 years from the date of completion of sentence or discharge from a mental institution by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Proposed law removes the 10 year requirement.

Present law (R.S. 15:572(B)(1)) provides that a first offender never previously convicted of a felony shall be pardoned automatically upon completion of his sentence without a recommendation of the Board of Pardons and without action by the governor.

Proposed law retains present law but expands it to include a person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:95.1.

Present law (R.S. 15:572(B)(3)) provides that no pardon shall be issued to a first offender unless that person has paid all of the court costs which were imposed in connection with the conviction of the crime for which the pardon is to be issued.

Proposed law retains present law but expands it to include a person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:95.1.

Present law (R.S. 15:572(D)) provides that upon completion of his sentence, the division of probation and parole of the DPS&C, after satisfying that (1) the individual is a first offender and (2) the individual has completed his sentence shall issue a certificate proclaiming the petitioner is fully pardoned.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the division of probation and parole of the DPS&C must satisfy that (1) the individual is a first offender or a person convicted of violating the provisions of R.S. 14:95.1 and (2) the individual has completed his sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.1 and R.S.15:572(B)(1), (3), and (D))