

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

WEAPONS. Provides for certain state officials to carry a concealed weapon. (8/1/26)

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (2)(a), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for an exception for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons; to provide for an exemption for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons into the state capitol building; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section and in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and traffic courts; members of either house of the legislature; officers of either house of the legislature; the legislative auditor; designated investigative auditors; constables; coroners; designated coroner investigators; district attorneys

1 and designated assistant district attorneys; United States attorneys and assistant
 2 United States attorneys and investigators; the governor; **designated assistants of the**
 3 **governor;** the lieutenant governor; **designated assistants of the lieutenant**
 4 **governor;** the secretary of state; **designated assistants of the secretary of state;** the
 5 treasurer; **designated assistants of the treasurer;** the commissioner of agriculture
 6 **and forestry;** **designated assistants of the commissioner of agriculture and**
 7 **forestry;** the commissioner of insurance; **designated assistants of the**
 8 **commissioner of insurance;** the attorney general; designated assistant attorneys
 9 general; city prosecutors; designated assistant city prosecutors; a United States
 10 representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer;
 11 a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional
 12 staffer; justices of the peace; parish presidents; and mayor-presidents from
 13 possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are
 14 qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards
 15 and Training.

16 (2) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the
 17 state capitol building with the exception of the following state officials if they are
 18 annually qualified in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards
 19 and Training:

20 (a)(i) The attorney general and members of his Louisiana Bureau of
 21 Investigation security detail.

22 **(ii) The governor and designated members of his staff.**

23 **(iii) The lieutenant governor and designated members of his staff.**

24 **(iv) The secretary of state and designated members of his staff.**

25 **(v) The treasurer and designated members of his staff.**

26 **(vi) The commissioner of agriculture and forestry and designated**
 27 **members of his staff.**

28 **(vii) The commissioner of insurance and designated members of his staff.**

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