

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

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

1 AN ACT

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

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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

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

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

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

22 (b) Members of the legislature.

23 **(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in**
 24 **the state capitol building, with the exception of the following state officials who**
 25 **may carry within the state capitol building except for within the chamber of the**
 26 **Senate, the chamber of the House of Representatives, and any legislative**
 27 **committee room, if the officials are annually qualified in the use of firearms by**
 28 **the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training:**

29 **(a) The governor and a designated member of his staff.**

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Reduce the number of designated assistants for each official to one.
2. Limit the areas within the state capitol building that the added officials and their designated assistant may carry.