

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 8 by Representative Thompson

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Prohibits the release of information associated with concealed handgun permits or applications for such permits

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Added an exception to prosecution for release of concealed handgun information if either a court orders the release of the information or if the concealed handgun permit holder is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

Present law further provides that any information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information provided in connection with the application submitted to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections is confidential, shall not be subject to any public records request, and shall not be considered a public record.

Present law further provides that DPS&C shall not release any list of persons who applied for or received a permit for a concealed handgun.

Proposed law prohibits the release of this information contained in present law and provides penalties as follows:

- (1) An employee of DPS&C or any law enforcement officer who intentionally disseminates for publication information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Provides an exception if a court orders the release.
- (2) Any other person who releases, disseminates, or makes public the confidential information shall be fined \$10,000 and may be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law creates exceptions to proposed law if either a court orders the release of the information or if the concealed handgun permit holder is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3))