
DIGEST

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HB 596 Engrossed

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Abstract: Exempts certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, removes the requirement that a La. resident possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La., requires state police to provide a 60- minute course at no cost to La. residents, requires state police to maintain and make available to the public a database of all licensed firearm and handgun instructors.

Present law (R.S. 14:95) prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm, provides for criminal penalties, and provides for certain exceptions to the offense.

Proposed law creates an exception to this prohibition for a person who is 21 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides that La. residents who meet certain eligibility requirements may apply for and be issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun on his person in the state of La.

Present law requires the person to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

Proposed law removes present law requirement that a resident of La. possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

Proposed law provides that an individual who meets the qualifications of R.S. 14:95(M) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of Louisiana.

Proposed law specifies that proposed law shall not affect present law reciprocity requirements.

Present law provides that no individual with a concealed handgun permit may carry and conceal while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.

Present law further provides that a person with a concealed handgun permit shall notify the officer, when approached 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 retains present law and includes individuals carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to proposed law.

Proposed law requires state police to provide a 60-minute online concealed handgun education course at no cost to Louisiana residents to include the following topics:

- (1) Concealed handgun basics and nomenclature.
- (2) Firearm free zones.
- (3) Use of deadly force.
- (4) Interactions with law enforcement officers.

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

(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)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes to the citations.
2. Expand the list of provisions that prohibit a person from possessing a firearm.
3. Specify that a La. resident who meets proposed law qualifications shall not be required to possess a permit and further specify that proposed law provisions shall not affect present law reciprocity requirements.
4. Specify that no individual carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to proposed law may carry while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.
5. Specify that a person carrying a concealed handgun pursuant to proposed law shall notify the police officer that he has a weapon on his person, shall submit to a pat down, and shall allow the officer to temporarily disarm him.
6. Require state police to provide a 60-minute online concealed handgun education course.
7. Require state police to maintain a database of all licensed handgun and firearm instructors to be made available to the public.