

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 483

BY REPRESENTATIVE TRAVIS JOHNSON

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to the restoration of gun rights

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(C) and R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10), relative to  
3 concealed weapons; to provide relative to the carrying of concealed weapons by a  
4 person convicted of felonies; to provide relative to concealed handgun permits; and  
5 to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §95.1. Possession of firearm or carrying concealed weapon by a person convicted  
9 of certain felonies

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11 C. The provisions of this Section prohibiting the possession of firearms and  
12 carrying concealed weapons by persons who have been convicted of, or who have  
13 been found not guilty by reason of insanity for, certain felonies shall not apply to any  
14 person who has not been convicted of, or who has not been found not guilty by  
15 reason of insanity for, any felony for a period of ~~ten~~ five years from the date of  
16 completion of sentence, probation, parole, suspension of sentence, or discharge from  
17 a mental institution by a court of competent jurisdiction.

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19 Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
20 as follows:

1 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;  
2 definitions

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4 C. To qualify for a concealed handgun permit, a Louisiana resident shall:

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6 (6) Not be ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted  
7 of a felony. A conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to  
8 August 1, 2014, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014,  
9 pursuant to Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered  
10 a conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ~~ten~~ five years have elapsed since  
11 the completion of the resident's probation, parole, or suspended sentence. However,  
12 the provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a conviction for a crime of  
13 violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) even if that conviction has been expunged. A  
14 conviction for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall not be  
15 considered a conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly  
16 provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

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18 (10) Not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo  
19 contendere to, or not be charged under indictment or a bill of information for any  
20 crime of violence or any crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year  
21 or greater. However, a person who has been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C.  
22 491(a) shall be permitted to qualify for a concealed handgun permit if fifteen or more  
23 years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or  
24 service of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole. A  
25 conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to August 1, 2014,  
26 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014, pursuant to  
27 Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered a conviction  
28 for the purposes of this Paragraph if ~~ten~~ five years have elapsed since the completion  
29 of the resident's probation, parole, or suspended sentence. However, the provisions

