

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides relative to statewide permits for concealed handguns and provides for qualifications of a La. resident to obtain a concealed handgun permit, including the requirement that a resident not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired.

Existing law further provides that it shall be presumed that an applicant or permittee chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant has been found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, operating a vehicle while intoxicated or has been admitted, either voluntarily or involuntarily, for treatment as an alcoholic within a certain time period.

New law removes the existing law presumption that if an applicant for a concealed handgun permit is found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, then such applicant chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages.

New law provides that no concealed handgun permit shall be suspended or revoked solely upon the basis of an arrest for a first offense driving while intoxicated.

Existing law provides that the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C), office of state police, shall provide a two-hour online handgun education course at no cost to La. residents.

Existing law provides for the length of the online course to be two hours.

New law amends existing law to change the length of the online course from two hours to two hours and 15 minutes.

Existing law provides that the online handgun education course shall cover all of the following topics:

- (1) Handgun basics and nomenclature.
- (2) Firearm-free zones.
- (3) Use of deadly force.
- (4) Interactions with law enforcement officers.
- (5) Conflict resolution.
- (6) Accident prevention.
- (7) Unauthorized access prevention.
- (8) Safe handling of a handgun.

New law amends the topic of "handgun basics and nomenclature" to include handling procedures for a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol.

New law further combines the topic of "safe storage of firearms" with the topic of "accident prevention".

New law further adds the topic of "suicide prevention, with an emphasis on the impact of firearm-related suicides involving veterans and current service members of the U.S. Armed Forces" to the course.

Existing law provides that the DPS&C, office of state police, shall divide the topics provided in existing law into eight video segments that shall broadcast for no less than 15 minutes per segment.

New law amends existing law to change the number of video segments from eight to nine, but still provides that the video segments shall broadcast for no less than 15 minutes per segment.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(8) and 1379.3.3(B), (D)(1) and (6), and (F)(2); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(6) and 1379.3.3(D)(9))