

2024 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 12

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WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to the concealed carrying of firearms (Item #18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a), to enact R.S.  
3 14:95(N), and to repeal R.S. 14:95(M)(3), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons;  
4 to exempt certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide  
5 relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to the authority of a person  
6 to carry a concealed handgun without a permit; to provide for a restriction; and to  
7 provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.  
10 14:95(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

11 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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13 M. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to a  
14 ~~resident of Louisiana~~ person if all of the following conditions are met:

15 (1) The person is ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older.

16 (2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S.  
17 14:95.1, ~~R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(5) through (17), 18 U.S.C. 922(g), or any other state or~~  
18 federal law.

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1           N. Any person carrying a weapon pursuant to Subsection M of this Section  
2           shall be subject to the restrictions contained in R.S. 40:1379.3(M) and (N).

3           Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
4 follows:

5           §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;  
6           definitions

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8           B.

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10           (2)(a) A ~~Louisiana resident~~ person who meets the qualifications of R.S.  
11 14:95(M) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued  
12 by the state of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Section in order to carry  
13 a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana. ~~The provisions of this Paragraph shall~~  
14 ~~not affect the requirements of reciprocity as provided in Subsection T of this Section.~~

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16           Section 3. R.S. 14:95(M)(3) is hereby repealed in its entirety.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Exempts certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

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 amends present law to create an exception to this prohibition for a person located in La. who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

Proposed law (R.S. 14:95(N)) provides that any person carrying a weapon pursuant to proposed law (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall be subject to the restrictions contained in present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(M) and (N)).

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. Further 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 retains present law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a)) provides that a La. resident who meets the qualifications of present law (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. pursuant to present law in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La. Further provides that the provisions of present law shall not affect the requirements of reciprocity.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that a person who meets the qualifications of present law (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. pursuant to present law in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a); Adds R.S. 14:95(N); Repeals R.S. 14:95(M)(3))