

2026 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 44

BY SENATOR SEABAUGH

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Requires a law enforcement agency to approve firearms and ammunition carried by its tactical medical professionals. (8/1/26)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.1.6(E), relative to tactical medical professionals; to
3 provide relative to firearms and ammunition carried by tactical medical
4 professionals; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.1.6(E) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1379.1.6. Tactical medical professionals

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9 E. The appointing law enforcement agency shall ~~issue~~ **approve** any firearm
10 or ammunition that the tactical medical professional carries in accordance with this
11 Section.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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Present law defines "tactical medical professional" as a licensed paramedic or physician who is employed or contracted by a law enforcement agency to provide direct support to a tactical

law enforcement unit by providing medical services at high-risk incidents.

Present law also provides that a tactical medical professional may carry a firearm in the same manner as a law enforcement officer in certain circumstances and that the appointing law enforcement agency must issue any firearm or ammunition that the tactical medical professional carries.

Proposed law provides that the appointing law enforcement agency must approve any firearm or ammunition that a tactical medical professional carries but that it will not be required to issue it.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.1.6(E))