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HOUSE BILL NO. 220

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WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Amends penalty provisions for reckless discharge of a firearm  
at a parade

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.2.2(D), relative to reckless discharge of a firearm at a  
3 parade; to increase penalties; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.2.2(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §95.2.2. Reckless discharge of a firearm at a parade or demonstration

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8 D. Whoever commits the crime of reckless or negligent discharge of a  
9 firearm at a parade or demonstration shall be sentenced to imprisonment at hard  
10 labor for not less than five nor more than ~~ten~~ fifteen years, at least three years of the  
11 sentence imposed shall be served without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension  
12 of sentence and shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 220

**Abstract:** Increases the penalty provisions for discharging a firearm at a parade.

Present law provides for the crime of discharging a firearm at a parade.

Present law provides penalty provisions of imprisonment at hard labor for not less than five nor more than 10 years, with at least three years of the sentence imposed to be served

without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence, and a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Proposed law increases the penalty from a maximum of 10 years to a maximum of 15 years and otherwise retains the provisions of present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.2.2(D))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Deleted minimum mandatory sentence provision.
2. Increased the maximum possible sentence from 10 years to 15 years.