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Thompson HB No. 8

Abstract: Prohibits the release of information contained in concealed handgun permit applications and the release of information regarding the identity of any person who applied for or received such a permit.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that any information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information provided in connection with the application submitted to DPS&C is confidential, shall not be subject to any public records request, and shall not be considered a public record.

<u>Present law</u> further provides that DPS&C shall not release any list of persons who applied for or received a permit for a concealed handgun.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits the release of this information contained in <u>present law</u> and provides penalties for the release of the information as follows:

- (1) An employee of DPS&C or any law enforcement officer who releases information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Provides an exception if a court orders the release.
- (2) Any other person who publishes, disseminates, or makes public the confidential information shall be fined not more than \$5,000, imprisoned for not more than two years, with or without hard labor, or both.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3))