
DIGEST

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HB No. 520

Abstract: Excludes La. citizens over the age of 21 from prosecution for carrying a concealed firearm if the firearm is a handgun and the person is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Present law prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm, and provides for criminal penalties.

Proposed law creates an exception to present law for a La. resident who meets the following criteria:

- (1) The La. resident is at least 21 years of age or older.
- (2) The La. resident is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal law or a state law which prohibits certain felons from possessing or concealing firearms.
- (3) The firearm is a handgun.

Proposed law defines a "handgun" as a type of firearm commonly referred to as a pistol or revolver originally designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition. The term "handgun" shall not include shotguns or rifles that have been altered by having their stocks or barrels cut or shortened.

(Adds R.S. 14:95(L))