DIGEST

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Thompson HB No. 337

Abstract: Requires applicants for a state explosives license to possess a valid federal license and provides for the inspection of facilities controlled by persons issued explosives licenses.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the licensing and regulation of any person or business acquiring, selling, possessing, storing, or using or handling explosives.

<u>Present law</u> establishes qualifications and criteria for the issuance of licenses to handle explosives.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and authorizes the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to inspect all facilities under the control of an explosives licensee issued pursuant to <u>present law</u>.

<u>Proposed law</u> adds the requirement that each manufacturer, dealer-distributor, and user shall possess a valid license or permit issued by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to be eligible to obtain a Louisiana-issued explosives license.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.3(B); Adds R.S. 40:1472.3(A)(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Administration of Criminal</u> Justice to the original bill.

1. Added that each manufacturer, dealer-distributor, and user shall possess a valid license or permit issued by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to be eligible to obtain a Louisiana-issued explosives license.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Added an emergency effective date.