

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 140

BY REPRESENTATIVE HOWARD

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Adds current and retired attorney generals and designated assistant attorneys general to list of officials who can carry concealed weapons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K), relative to the carrying of concealed
3 weapons; to provide relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide
4 for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
7 follows:

8 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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10 H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section and in
11 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit
12 active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish
13 courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state
14 of Louisiana, and traffic courts, members of either house of the legislature, officers
15 of either house of the legislature, the legislative auditor, designated investigative
16 auditors, constables, coroners, designated coroner investigators, district attorneys and
17 designated assistant district attorneys, United States attorneys and assistant United
18 States attorneys and investigators, the attorney general, designated assistant attorneys
19 general, and justices of the peace from possessing and concealing a handgun on their
20 person when ~~the justice or judge, legislator or officer of the legislature, legislative~~

1 ~~auditor, designated investigative auditor, constable, coroner, designated coroner~~
2 ~~investigators, district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys, United~~
3 ~~States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and investigators, or justices~~
4 ~~of the peace~~ such persons are qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Peace
5 Officer Standards and Training Council.

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7 K.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a retired justice or
8 judge of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile
9 courts, family courts, city courts, retired attorney general, retired assistant attorneys
10 general, retired district attorneys, and retired assistant district attorneys, from
11 possessing and concealing a handgun on their person provided that such retired
12 ~~justice, judge, district attorney, or assistant district attorney~~ person is qualified
13 annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and
14 Training and has on their person valid identification showing proof of their status as
15 a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney,
16 or assistant district attorney.

17 (2) The retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general,
18 district attorney, or assistant district attorney shall be qualified annually in the use
19 of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof
20 of qualification. However, this Subsection shall not apply to a retired justice, judge,
21 attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, or assistant district
22 attorney who is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has
23 entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony
24 offense. For the purposes of this Subsection, "retired district attorney" or "retired
25 assistant district attorney" shall mean a district attorney or an assistant district
26 attorney receiving retirement benefits from the District Attorneys' Retirement
27 System.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to individuals who can lawfully carry concealed weapons.

Present law provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and identifies certain active and retired public officials who can lawfully carry concealed weapons.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the current attorney general and retired attorney generals and certain assistant attorneys general to the list of those who can lawfully carry concealed weapons.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds assistant attorneys general to the list of those who can lawfully carry concealed weapons.