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2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 57

BY REPRESENTATIVE HONORE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Excludes the legislative auditor and designated investigative auditors from prosecution for the illegal carrying of weapons in certain circumstances

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1), relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons;

to provide for an exception for the legislative auditor and designated investigative

auditors; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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

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coroner, designated coroner investigators, district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys, United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and investigators, or justices of the peace are certified qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for the legislative auditor and designated investigative auditors when they are qualified in the use of firearms by P.O.S.T.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and provides exceptions to the crime for active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and traffic courts, members of either house of the legislature, officers of either house of the legislature, constables, coroners, designated coroner investigators, district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys, U.S. attorneys and assistant U.S. attorneys and investigators, and justices of the peace when they are P.O.S.T. certified.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and expands this exception to include the legislative auditor and designated investigative auditors.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Change "certified" to "qualified" regarding annual training in the use of firearms.