

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 142

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides with respect to eligibility requirement for concealed carry permits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10), relative to concealed handgun permits;  
3 to provide with respect to eligibility to obtain a concealed handgun permit; to  
4 provide that persons convicted of certain offenses are not ineligible to obtain a  
5 concealed handgun permit; to provide for applicability; to provide limitations; and  
6 to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10) are hereby amended and reenacted to read  
9 as follows:

10 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;  
11 definitions

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13 C. To qualify for a concealed handgun permit, a Louisiana resident shall:

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15 (6) Not be ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted  
16 of a felony. A conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged pursuant to  
17 the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall

1 not be considered a conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have  
2 elapsed since the completion of the resident's probation, parole, or suspended  
3 sentence. A conviction for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall  
4 not be considered a conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon  
5 expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive  
6 firearms.

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8 (10) Not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo  
9 contendere to, or not be charged under indictment or a bill of information for any  
10 crime of violence or any crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year  
11 or greater. ~~A conviction, plea of guilty, or plea of nolo contendere under this~~  
12 ~~Paragraph shall include an expungement of such conviction or a dismissal and~~  
13 ~~conviction set-aside under the provisions of Code of Criminal Procedure Article 893.~~  
14 However, a person who has been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. 491(a) shall  
15 be permitted to qualify for a concealed handgun permit if fifteen or more years has  
16 elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or service of  
17 any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole. A conviction  
18 for a felony offense which has been expunged pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9  
19 or Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered a  
20 conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have elapsed since the  
21 completion of the resident's probation, parole, or suspended sentence. A conviction  
22 for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall not be considered a  
23 conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly provides that  
24 the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 142 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that a person who obtained a gubernatorial pardon or has had his record expunged shall not be considered ineligible from obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits and provides for eligibility requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a person is ineligible for a concealed handgun permit if he has been convicted of a felony offense even if the conviction has been expunged.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that a person who has obtained an expungement for a felony conviction if 10 years have elapsed since the completion of the resident's probation, parole, or suspended sentence, or has been pardoned by the governor shall not be considered ineligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit unless the pardon expressly prohibits the person from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Adds requirement that at least ten years have elapsed since the completion of the applicant's probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.