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HOUSE BILL NO. 446

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(8) and 1379.3.3(B), (D)(1) and (6), and (F)(2) and to enact R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(6) and 1379.3.3(D)(9), relative to firearms; to provide relative to the revocation or suspension of concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to an online education course; to provide relative to course topics; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(8) and 1379.3.3(B), (D)(1) and (6), and (F)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1379.3(I)(6) and 1379.3.3(D)(9) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

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

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

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(8) Not chronically and habitually use alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired. It shall be presumed that an applicant or permittee chronically and habitually uses alcoholic beverages to the extent that his normal faculties are impaired if the applicant ~~has been found guilty of, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to operating a vehicle while intoxicated,~~ or has been

1 admitted, either voluntarily or involuntarily, for treatment as an alcoholic, within the
2 five-year period immediately preceding the date on which the application is
3 submitted, or at any time after the application has been submitted.

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5 I.

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7 (6) No permit shall be suspended or revoked solely upon the basis of an
8 arrest for a violation of R.S. 14:98.1.

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10 §1379.3.3. Louisiana Firearm Safety Awareness Act

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12 B. The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police,
13 shall provide a ~~two-hour~~ two hour and fifteen-minute online handgun education
14 course at no cost to Louisiana residents.

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16 D. The online handgun education course shall include instruction on all of
17 the following topics:

18 (1) Handgun basics and nomenclature, including handling procedures for a
19 revolver and a semiautomatic pistol.

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21 (6) Accident prevention, including safe storage of firearms.

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23 (9) Suicide prevention, with an emphasis on the impact of firearm-related
24 suicides involving veterans and current service members of the United States Armed
25 Forces.

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27 F.

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29 (2) In accordance with Paragraph (1) of this Subsection, the Department of
30 Public Safety and Corrections, office of state police, shall divide the topics provided

1 in Subsection D of this Section into ~~eight~~ nine video segments that shall broadcast
2 for no less than fifteen minutes per segment.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____