

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

BY REPRESENTATIVE MIGUEZ

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

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to online handgun education course curriculum

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3.3(B), (D)(1) and (6), and (F)(2) and to enact R.S.
3 40:1379.3.3(D)(9), relative to firearms; to provide relative to an online education
4 course; to provide relative to course topics; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §1379.3.3. Louisiana Firearm Safety Awareness Act

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

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

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

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

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(8) Safe handling of a handgun.

Proposed law retains present law, but amends the topic of "handgun basics and nomenclature" to include handling procedures for a revolver and a semiautomatic pistol.

Proposed law further combines the topic of "safe storage of firearms" with the topic of "accident prevention".

Proposed law further adds the topic of "suicide prevention, with an emphasis on the impact of firearm-related suicides involving veterans and current service members of the U.S. Armed Forces" to the course.

Present law provides that the DPS&C, office of state police, shall divide the topics provided in present law into eight video segments that shall broadcast for no less than 15 minutes per segment.

Proposed law amends present law to change the number of video segments from eight to nine, but still provides that the video segments that shall broadcast for no less than 15 minutes per segment.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3.3(B), (D)(1) and (6), and (F)(2); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3.3(D)(9))