

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 255

BY REPRESENTATIVE HORTON

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides with respect to eligibility requirements 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 with respect to persons convicted of certain offenses; to provide for  
5 applicability; to provide limitations; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

9 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;  
10 definitions

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

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14 (6) ~~Not be ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted~~  
15 ~~of a felony~~ Not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo  
16 contendere to, the crime of domestic abuse battery (R.S. 14:35.3), possession of a  
17 firearm or carrying a concealed weapon by a person convicted of domestic abuse  
18 battery (R.S. 14:95.10), or of a felony enumerated in R.S. 14:95.1 which renders that  
19 person ineligible to possess a firearm. Any conviction for which a person has been  
20 pardoned by the governor shall not be considered a conviction for purposes of this



Proposed law retains present law.

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

Proposed law changes present law to define the ineligibility for possession to convictions for domestic abuse battery, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of domestic abuse battery, and to those offenses under present law which prohibit the possession of a firearm.

Present law prohibits a person convicted of any felony from obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Proposed law changes the prohibition to apply to convictions for crimes of violence and sex offenses, and attempts of those offenses.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that a person who 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))