

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**

**HB 334**

**2020 Regular Session**

**Fontenot**

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Authorizes a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Restores the present law prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun by a concealed handgun permit holder in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.
2. Provides that this present law limitation applies unless the carrying of a concealed handgun in such places is authorized by the person who has authority over the administration of the church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Present law provides for the law by which Louisiana residents who meet certain eligibility requirements apply for and are issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana.

Present law provides that a concealed handgun permit does not authorize nor entitle the permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship unless the entity which has authority over the place of worship authorizes the permit holder to do so and the congregation is informed of the authorization. Present law further requires permit holders carrying a concealed handgun in a place of worship to annually complete eight hours of tactical training, in addition to present law training requirements for all permit holders, if such training is required by the entity which has authority over the religious organization or by the owner of the building's liability insurance policy.

Proposed law amends present law to prohibit the carrying of a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship unless authorized by the person who has authority over the administration of the church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

Proposed law removes the present law requirement that the congregation be informed that the church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship has authorized the carrying of concealed handguns by a concealed handgun permit holder.

Proposed law removes the present law provision which requires permit holders carrying a concealed handgun in a place of worship to annually complete eight hours of tactical training, in addition to other present law training requirements for all permit holders, if such training is required by the entity which has authority over the religious organization or by the owner of the building's liability insurance policy.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(8); Repeals R.S. 40:1379.3(U))