

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 131

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

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

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to the concealed carrying of firearms

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B), relative to the illegal
3 carrying of weapons; to exempt certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of
4 weapons; to provide relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to the
5 authority of a person to carry a concealed handgun without a permit; and to provide
6 for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as
9 follows:

10 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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12 M. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to a
13 resident of Louisiana if all of the following conditions are met:

14 (1) The person is ~~twenty-one~~ eighteen years of age or older.

15 (2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S.
16 14:95.1, ~~R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(5) through (17)~~, ~~18 U.S.C. 922(g)~~; or any other state or
17 federal law.

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1 Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

2 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
3 definitions

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5 B.(1) A concealed handgun permit shall be issued only to a Louisiana
6 resident who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section. A concealed
7 handgun permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall grant authority
8 to a Louisiana resident to carry a concealed handgun on his person.

9 ~~(2)(a) A Louisiana resident who meets the qualifications of R.S. 14:95(M)~~
10 ~~shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state~~
11 ~~of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Section in order to carry a concealed~~
12 ~~handgun in the state of Louisiana. The provisions of this Paragraph shall not affect~~
13 ~~the requirements of reciprocity as provided in Subsection T of this Section.~~

14 ~~(b) Any person carrying a concealed firearm pursuant to this Paragraph shall~~
15 ~~be deemed to have certified that he meets all of the conditions required in R.S.~~
16 ~~14:95(M).~~

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

Present law (R.S. 14:95) prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm, provides for criminal penalties, and provides for certain exceptions to the offense.

Proposed law amends present law to create an exception to this prohibition for a person who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides that La. residents who meet certain eligibility requirements may apply for and be issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun on his person in the state of La. Further requires the

person to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

Proposed law removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B))