2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides an exception to the illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1), relative to carrying of weapons; to provide relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(5) of this Section and in Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state of Louisiana, and traffic courts, members of either house of the legislature, officers of either house of the legislature, the legislative auditor, designated investigative auditors, constables, coroners, designated coroner investigators, district attorneys and designated assistant district attorneys, United States attorneys and assistant United States attorneys and investigators, the attorney general, designated assistant attorneys general, city prosecutors, designated assistant city prosecutors, a United States representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer, a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional

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staffer, retired members of the United States Congress, and justices of the peace from
possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are
qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards
and Training.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides an exception to the illegal carrying of weapons for city prosecutors,
designated assistant city prosecutors, U.S. representative from La. and his designated,
employed congressional staffer, a U.S. senator from La. and his designated, employed
congressional staffer, and retired members of the US Congress.

Present law provides that present law shall not prohibit certain active persons from
possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are qualified
annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

Proposed law retains present law and adds city prosecutors, designated assistant city
prosecutors, a U.S. representative from La. and his designated, employed congressional
staffer, a U.S. senator from La. and his designated, employed congressional staffer, retired
members of the US Congress to the list of certain active persons who are not prohibited from
possessing and concealing a handgun when the person is qualified annually by the Council
on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(H)(1))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of
Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Amend proposed law to change assistant city prosecutors to designated assistant
city prosecutors.

2. Add a U.S. congressman from La. and his designee and a U.S. senator from La.
and his designee to the present law list of persons who are not prohibited from
possessing and concealing a handgun.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Amend proposed law to remove a U.S. congressman from La. and his designee,
and a U.S. senator from La. and his designee from the present law list of persons
who are not prohibited from possessing and concealing a handgun.

2. Add a U.S. representative from La. and his designated, employed congressional
staffer, a U.S. senator from La. and his designated, employed congressional
staffer, and retired members of the US Congress to the present law list of persons

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