AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K), 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) and (K) are 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 staffer, 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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K.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a retired justice or
judge of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile
courts, family courts, city courts, retired attorney general, retired assistant attorneys
general, retired district attorneys, retired assistant district attorneys, retired members
of the United States Congress, and former members of either house of the legislature
from possessing and concealing a handgun on their person provided that such retired
person or former member of the legislature is qualified annually, at their expense, in
the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has
on their person valid identification showing proof of their status as a former member
of the legislature or as a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney
general, district attorney, or assistant district attorney. For a former member of the
legislature, the valid identification showing proof of status as a former legislator
required by the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a legislative badge issued by the
Louisiana Legislature that shall include the former member's name, the number of
the district that the former member was elected to represent, the years that the former
member served in the legislature, and words that indicate the person's status as a
former member of the legislature.

(2) The retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general,
district attorney, or assistant district attorney, or former member of the United States
Congress or either house of the legislature shall be qualified annually in the use of
firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of
qualification. However, this Subsection shall not apply to a retired justice, judge,
attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, or assistant district
attorney or to a former member of the legislature or the United States Congress who
is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea
of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense. For the
pursposes of this Subsection, "retired district attorney" or "retired assistant district
attorney" shall mean a district attorney or an assistant district attorney receiving
retirement benefits from the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________