

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(introductory paragraph), (6), (10), and (13), and (V)(1) and to repeal R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6), relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to persons authorized to obtain concealed handgun permits in Louisiana; to provide relative to lifetime concealed handgun permits; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(introductory paragraph), (6), (10), and (13), and (V)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the deputy secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a concealed handgun permit to any Louisiana resident person who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section and may promulgate rules and adopt regulations regarding concealed handgun permits in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. The permit shall contain a permit number, expiration date, photograph, and the name, address, and date of birth of the permittee.

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B.(1) A concealed handgun permit shall be issued only to a Louisiana resident person who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section. A

concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall grant authority to a ~~Louisiana resident~~ person to carry a concealed handgun on his person.

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

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(6) Not be ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted of a felony. A conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to August 1, 2014, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014, pursuant to Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered a conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have elapsed since the completion of the ~~resident's~~ person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence. However, the provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a conviction for a crime of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) even if that conviction has been expunged. A conviction for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall not be considered a conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

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(10) Not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or not be charged under indictment or a bill of information for any crime of violence or any crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or greater. However, a person who has been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C. 491(a) shall be permitted to qualify for a concealed handgun permit if fifteen or more years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or service of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole. A conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to August 1, 2014, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014, pursuant to Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered a conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have elapsed since the completion of

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5 conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly provides that  
6 the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

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8 (13) Not have been adjudicated to be mentally deficient or been committed  
9 to a mental institution, unless the ~~resident's~~ person's right to possess a firearm has  
10 been restored pursuant to R.S. 28:57.

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12 V.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
13 ~~Louisiana resident~~ person who meets the provisions of this Section may be issued a  
14 lifetime concealed handgun permit. The term for the lifetime concealed handgun  
15 permit shall be for the life of the permit holder.

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17 Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

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