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Present law provides for the crime of illegal carrying of a weapon.

Present law provides for an exception to the crime for several state officials enumerated in present law, if they are qualified annually in the use of firearms by the P.O.S.T. Council.

Proposed law retains present law and adds a designated assistant of the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture and forestry, and commissioner of insurance to the list.

Present law provides an exception to the prohibition against the carrying of a weapon in the state capitol building for members of the legislature and the attorney general and members of his La. Bureau of Investigation security detail.

Proposed law retains present law and adds that the following state officials may carry in the state capitol building but not in the chamber of the Senate, chamber of the House of Representatives, or legislative committee rooms:

(1) The governor and a designated member of his staff.

(2) The lieutenant governor and a designated member of his staff.

(3) The secretary of state and a designated member of his staff.

(4) The treasurer and a designated member of his staff.

(5) The commissioner of agriculture and forestry and a designated member of his staff.

(6) The commissioner of insurance and a designated member of his staff.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Reduce the number of designated assistants for each official to one.

2. Limit the areas within the state capitol building that the added officials and their designated assistant may carry.