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## DIGEST

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HB 186 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds first responders, while on duty or traveling to or from duty, to the list of persons who can carry a concealed weapon.

Present law provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and identifies certain active and retired public officials who can lawfully carry concealed weapons when qualified annually in the use of firearms.

Proposed law retains present law and adds first responders to the list of persons who can carry a concealed weapon without violating the offense of illegal carrying of weapons. Provides that the exception to this offense for first responders applies only while the first responder is on duty or while traveling to or from duty as a first responder.

Proposed law defines "first responder" as a firefighter regularly employed by a fire department of any municipality, parish, or fire protection district of the state of La. who is certified in La. as a Firefighter I or Firefighter II in accordance with National Fire Protection Association Standard 1001 and a licensed emergency medical services practitioner, which is defined by present law (R.S. 40:1131) to include a licensed emergency medical technician, a licensed advanced emergency medical technician, and a licensed paramedic.

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