

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 138

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

LAW ENFORCE/OFFICERS: Provides relative to the authority of the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to appoint special agents

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 15:825.2(A), relative to the appointment of special agents; to
3 provide relative to the authority of the secretary of the Department of Public Safety
4 and Corrections to appoint special agents; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 15:825.2(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §825.2. Special agents; appointment; carrying weapons

8 A. The secretary of the ~~Louisiana~~ Department of Public Safety and
9 Corrections shall be authorized at his discretion to appoint special agents. These
10 agents shall be appointed from ~~permanent status employees or full-time employees~~
11 who have attained the rank of sergeant or Probation and Parole Officer 1, and may
12 carry weapons exposed or concealed while in the performance of their duties in the
13 same manner as law enforcement officers.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the authority of the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to appoint special agents.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to appoint special agents from permanent status employees or full-time employees who have attained the rank of sergeant or Probation and Parole Officer 1. The appointed special agents may carry weapons exposed or concealed while in the performance of their duties in the same manner as law enforcement officers.

Present law requires the secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections to adopt rules and regulations governing the qualifications and duties of special agents.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the requirement that a person be a permanent status or full-time employee in order to be appointed as a special agent.

(Amends R.S. 15:825.2(A))