

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 473

BY SENATOR JOHNS

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Authorizes Louisiana Property Assistance Agency to make surplus bulletproof vests available for purchase to certain part-time and reserve peace officers under the same requirements as the vests are made available to certain full-time employees. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2405.1(B), relative to the issuance of bulletproof vests to
3 peace officers; to make surplus bulletproof vests available for purchase to certain
4 part-time and reserve peace officers; to provide for conditions; to provide for notice;
5 to provide for definitions; to provide for liability; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2405.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2405.1. Special equipment provided by Department of Public Safety and
9 Corrections

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11 B.(1) To the extent that funds are not appropriated to the Department of
12 Public Safety and Corrections for the purposes provided in Subsection A of this
13 Section, the department may make available for purchase to law enforcement
14 agencies for use by their peace officers bulletproof vests no longer utilized by the
15 department for which the manufacturer warranty has expired.

16 (2) Any purchase **pursuant to this Section** shall be conducted pursuant to
17 rules or regulations adopted by the Louisiana Property Assistance Agency.

Present law requires the purchase of bulletproof vests by law enforcement agencies for full-time peace officers to be conducted pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted by the La. Property Assistance Agency.

Proposed law retains present law requirements for the purchase of bulletproof vests by law enforcement agencies for part-time and reserve peace officers.

Present law provides that prior to the purchase and distribution of bulletproof vests, the director of each law enforcement agency shall supply a sworn affidavit stating the number of vests on hand, the number of vests requested, and that it shall be the policy of the agency that all officers receiving vests shall be expected to wear them.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that nothing in present law is to be construed as requiring a peace officer to wear a bulletproof vest.

Proposed law retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:2405.1(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes Legislative Bureau technical amendments.