

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law, providing for concealed handgun permits, specified that (1) no concealed handgun may be carried into and (2) no concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to prior law shall authorize or entitle a permittee to carry a concealed handgun, in any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship, except as provided for in prior law. New law retains prior law.

Prior law exception provided for the carrying of a concealed handgun in any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship, if the entity which owns or has authority over the church, synagogue, or mosque has authorized any person issued a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed handgun in such place of worship. Prior law required the pastor, priest, minister, or other church authority to inform the congregation of the authorization. Specified that prior law will not be construed to authorize the carrying of a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, or mosque located on the property of any school or school property.

Prior law further provided that prior law will not be construed to limit or prohibit any church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship from employing armed security guards who are certified law enforcement officers or who are authorized to carry concealed handguns.

New law retains prior law and clarifies that the armed security guards may be employed or designated, and paid, not paid, or volunteer, so long as the security guards are either certified law enforcement officers or authorized to carry concealed handguns.

Prior law provided that any church, synagogue, or mosque authorizing the carrying of concealed handguns will require an additional eight-hour tactical training class for those persons wishing to carry concealed handguns in the church, synagogue, or mosque. Prior law required the training to be conducted annually.

New law retains prior law but provides that the eight-hour tactical training class is required only if the entity which has authority over the religious organization or the owner of the building's liability insurance policy requires the additional training.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(U)(2) and (5))