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DIGEST

SB 143 Engrossed

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Present law provides for the crime of "illegal carrying of weapons" in part as the intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon by a person.

Present law provides for certain exceptions to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, including for those La. residents issued a concealed handgun permit by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law creates an additional exception for any La. resident who does not possess a concealed handgun permit but otherwise meets the same eligibility requirements as those who do possess a concealed handgun permit, if the resident is a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces with no pending disciplinary proceedings; a reserve or active-duty member of the La. National Guard or the La. Air National Guard with no pending disciplinary proceedings; or a former member of any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, the La. National Guard, or the La. Air National Guard who has been honorably discharged from service.

Present law prohibits a concealed handgun permit holder from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.

Proposed law extends the prohibition from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Present law requires a concealed handgun permit holder to notify any police officer who approaches the permittee in an official manner or with an identified official purpose that he has a weapon on his person, submit to a pat-down, and allow the officer to temporarily disarm him.

Proposed law extends the notification requirement to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Proposed law requires state police to provide a 60-minute online concealed handgun education course.

Proposed law requires state police to maintain an online database of all licensed handgun and firearm instructors to be made available to the public.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2) and (I)(1) and (2); adds R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3.3))