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Present law provides relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, defined in pertinent part as the intentional concealment of any firearm on one's person.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides an exception to present law for any law enforcement officer who is retired from full-time active law enforcement service with at least 12 years service, and for any enforcement officer of the office of state parks who is retired from active duty as an enforcement officer. Present law further provides that for this exception to apply, the retired officer must have valid identification as a retired law enforcement officer and must be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Proposed law deletes the present law requirement of annual firearms qualification and provides that the retired officer need only have been properly certified by POST at the time of retirement, in accordance with present law relative to exceptions to the concealed handgun permit (CHP) requirement.

Proposed law also provides an exception to present law for any retired elected head of a law enforcement department, provided that he was firearms qualified by POST at the time of retirement.

Present law provides the requirements for obtaining a CHP, and provides an exception to those requirements for retired law enforcement officers.

Proposed law makes the present law exception to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for retired law enforcement officers consistent with the present law exception to CHP requirements.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(G)(2); adds R.S. 14:95(G)(4))