

## SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 233

2024 Regular Session

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## KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

WEAPONS. Provides for the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers, qualified retired law enforcement officers, and certain state officials. (8/1/24)

## SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Provides that certain state officials and security personnel may carry a concealed handgun in the state capitol building.
3. Provides that business organizations may not prohibit a qualified active or retired law enforcement officer from carrying a concealed handgun in certain venues.
4. Defines a "Business Organization" and "Venue"
5. Provides that the La. Dept. of Justice may bring a civil action against a business organization that prohibits a qualified active or retired law enforcement officer from carrying a concealed handgun in certain venues.
6. Provides that a business organization found liable in a civil action brought by the La. Dept. of Justice for prohibiting a qualified active or retired law enforcement officer from carrying a concealed handgun in certain venues be assessed a civil penalty of \$1,000 per instance and charged with all court costs and necessary attorney fees associated with bringing the action.

## DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

## DIGEST

SB 233 Reengrossed

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Present law (R.S. 40:1379.1.3) permits an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer to carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public, if he meets certain eligibility criteria.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.1.4) permits an individual who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public, if he meets certain eligibility criteria.

Proposed law provides that a business organization shall not prohibit either a qualified active or qualified retired law enforcement officer from carrying a concealed weapon in certain venues. Proposed law defines "business organization" and "venue".

Proposed law provides that the attorney general has the authority to bring a civil action for violations of proposed law in addition to any other authority granted by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a business organization that violates proposed law shall be assessed all court costs and attorney's fees and a civil fine of \$1,000 per occurrence to be paid to the Department of Justice for each violation of proposed law.

Present law prohibits state officials from carrying concealed handguns in the state capitol building. Proposed law provides that, the attorney general, his La. Bureau of Investigation

protective detail, and certain members of the legislature may carry a concealed handgun in the state capitol building.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(H)(2); and adds R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D),(E),(F) and (G), and 1379.1.4(F),(G),(H) and (I))

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