

Existing law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits.

Existing law further provides that any information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information provided in connection with the application submitted to the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections is confidential, shall not be subject to any public records request, and shall not be considered a public record.

Existing law further provides that DPS&C shall not release any list of persons who applied for or received a permit for a concealed handgun.

New law prohibits the release of this information contained in existing law and provides penalties as follows:

- (1) An employee of DPS&C or any law enforcement officer who intentionally disseminates for publication information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit shall be fined not more than \$500, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Provides an exception if a court orders the release or if the applicant or permit holder is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun.
- (2) Any other person who intentionally releases, disseminates, or makes public the confidential information shall be fined \$10,000 and may be imprisoned for not more than six months. Provides the following exceptions: (1) a court orders the release of the information, (2) the concealed handgun permit holder or applicant is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun, (3) the permit holder or applicant consents to the release of the information, or (4) the information has been made public by the permit holder or applicant.

Effective August 1, 2013.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3))