
DIGEST

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HB No. 673

Abstract: Requires law enforcement officers to seize firearms in response to a claim of domestic violence or domestic abuse.

Proposed law provides that whenever a law enforcement officer responds to a claim of domestic abuse or domestic violence, the law enforcement officer shall immediately seize any firearm possessed by the abusing party for a minimum of 48 hours and may be retained longer if ordered by the court.

Proposed law provides that if the court does not order that the firearms be retained for longer than 48 hours, the owner of the firearm may regain custody of the firearm by appearing before the seizing agency and signing a form which indicates that the owner is regaining custody of the firearm.

Proposed law defines a "firearm" to mean any pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, machine gun, submachine gun, black powder weapon, or assault rifle which is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition or from which a shot or projectile is discharged by an explosive.

(Adds R.S. 46:2140.1)