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## DIGEST

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HB 223 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides that the additional penalty provisions applicable to a person in possession of a firearm and a controlled dangerous substance do not apply to possession of marijuana of 14 grams or less.

Present law provides penalties for illegal carrying of weapons.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides additional penalties for the use, possession, or control of a firearm while committing a crime of violence, during the sale or distribution of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS), or while in the possession of a CDS.

Present law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$10,000 and imprisonment of not less than five nor more than 10 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law removes these additional penalties for possession of 14 grams or less of marijuana and otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(E))

### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill:

1. Exempts the possession of marijuana of 14 grams or less from additional penalties of possession of a firearm while possessing a controlled dangerous substance.