

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 424

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

EXPLOSIVES: Provides relative to the qualifications of persons applying for an explosives license

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(2)(c), relative to the license to handle explosives;  
3 to provide for qualifications of applicants; to provide for the minimum age of certain  
4 license applicants; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(2)(c) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as  
7 follows:

8 §1472.3. License; manufacturer, dealer-distributor, user, blaster, or handler of  
9 explosives

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13 (2) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall:

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15 (c) Be twenty-one years of age or older, except licenses for blasters and  
16 handlers for which an applicant shall be eighteen years of age or older to qualify.

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DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires applicants for licenses for blasters and handlers of explosives to be eighteen years of age or older.

Present law prohibits any person or business from acquiring, selling, possessing, storing, engaging in the use of, or otherwise handling explosives in this state, except in conformity with the provisions of present law.

Present law provides that licenses issued by the deputy secretary of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, to handle explosives shall be issued for a period not to exceed four years from the date of issuance.

Present law provides numerous criteria required of applicants, including determinations of mental health, lack of certain criminal convictions or arrests, lack of discharge from the armed services under conditions other than honorable, being a legal resident of the United States, and being 21 years of age or older.

Proposed law retains present law but requires applicants for licenses for blasters and handlers of explosives to be eighteen years of age or older.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(2)(c))