

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 702

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOUIE

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Adds former members of the legislature to the list of persons who are excepted from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(K), relative to the carrying of concealed weapons; to  
3 provide relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for exceptions  
4 for certain former members of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(K) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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9 K.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a retired justice or  
10 judge of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile  
11 courts, family courts, city courts, retired attorney general, retired assistant attorneys  
12 general, retired district attorneys, ~~and~~ retired assistant district attorneys, and former  
13 members of either house of the legislature from possessing and concealing a handgun  
14 on their person provided that such retired person or former member of the legislature  
15 is qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards  
16 and Training and has on their person valid identification showing proof of their  
17 status as a former member of the legislature or as a retired justice, judge, attorney  
18 general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, or assistant district attorney.

19 (2) The retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general,  
20 district attorney, or assistant district attorney or former member of the legislature

1 shall be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer  
2 Standards and Training and have proof of qualification. However, this Subsection  
3 shall not apply to a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general,  
4 district attorney, or assistant district attorney or to a former member of the legislature  
5 who is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a  
6 plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense. For the  
7 purposes of this Subsection, "retired district attorney" or "retired assistant district  
8 attorney" shall mean a district attorney or an assistant district attorney receiving  
9 retirement benefits from the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

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DIGEST

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HB 702 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provide an exception to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for former members of the legislature who qualify annually in the use of firearms and who meet certain conditions.

Present law provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, which prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons, and identifies certain active and retired public officials who can lawfully carry a concealed weapon.

Proposed law retains present law and adds former members of either house of the legislature to the list of persons who can lawfully carry a concealed weapon. Further provides that the former member of the legislature shall be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have on his person valid identification showing proof of status as a former member of the legislature.

Proposed law shall not apply to a former member of the legislature who is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense.

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