

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 315 (HB 424)

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Existing 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 existing law.

Existing 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.

Existing 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.

New law retains existing law but requires applicants for licenses for blasters and handlers of explosives to be 18 years of age or older and adds the requirement that persons under 21 years of age who possess a blaster license shall be supervised by a licensed blaster who is at least 21 years of age. Violations of this new law requirement are punished pursuant to existing law with a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$20,000 or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not less than five years nor more than ten years, or both.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1472.3(E)(2)(c); Adds R.S. 40:1472.3(A)(5))