

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides that an individual who is retired from service as a qualified law enforcement officer and who was commissioned by the agency or office from which he retired and is carrying the identification required by his office as a retired law enforcement officer, may carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public.

Existing law defines "qualified retired law enforcement officer" as an individual who meets certain requirements including the following:

- (1) Separated from service in good standing from a law enforcement agency as a qualified law enforcement officer.
- (2) Has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health or has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual separated from service in which that individual acknowledged he or she was not qualified for reasons relating to mental health.

Existing law provides that the identification required by existing law is the photographic identification credential issued by the agency from which the individual separated from service as a law enforcement officer that identifies the person as having been employed as a law enforcement officer.

New law requires the sheriff or chief law enforcement officer to issue identification required by existing law to each individual who meets the requirements set forth in existing and new law for a "qualified retired law enforcement officer".

Further amends the existing law requirements as follows:

- (1) Adds that, for purposes of existing and new law, an officer is in "good standing" unless the officer is the subject of an internal investigation for which the presumptive penalty, if the investigation is disposed of as "sustained", is termination.
- (2) Adds that the person has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to physical health and has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the individual separated from service in which that individual acknowledged he or she was not qualified for reasons relating to physical health.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.1.4(B)(1) and (6); Adds R.S. 40:1379.1.4(D))