

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 334

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WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Authorizes a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a place of worship

1 AN ACT

2 To repeal R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(8) and (U), relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide

3 relative to the authority of a concealed handgun permit holder; to provide relative to

4 the limitations on the authority of a concealed handgun permit holder to carry in

5 certain places; to authorize a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed

6 handgun in a place of worship; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(8) and (U) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship.

Present law provides for the law by which Louisiana residents who meet certain eligibility requirements apply for and are issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana.

Present law provides that a concealed handgun permit does not authorize nor entitle the permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship unless the entity which has authority over the place of worship authorizes the permit holder to do so and the congregation is informed of the authorization. Present law further requires permit holders carrying a concealed handgun in a place of worship to annually complete eight hours of tactical training, in addition to present law training requirements for all permit holders, if such training is required by the entity which has authority over the religious organization or by the owner of the building's liability insurance policy.

Proposed law authorizes a concealed handgun permit holder to carry a concealed handgun in a church, synagogue, mosque, or other similar place of worship by repealing the present law limitation on a permit holder's authority to carry in such places.

(Repeals R.S. 40:1379.3(N)(8) and (U))