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## DIGEST

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HB 124 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Provides an exception to certain offenses of illegal carrying of weapons for persons with a concealed handgun permit.

Present law provides that the illegal carrying of weapons is any of the following and provides criminal penalties for those who are convicted of the offense:

- (1) The intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon, on one's person.
- (2) The ownership, possession, custody or use of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used as a dangerous weapon, at any time by an enemy alien.
- (3) The ownership, possession, custody or use of any tools, or dynamite, or nitroglycerine, or explosives, or other instrumentality customarily used by thieves or burglars at any time by any person with the intent to commit a crime.
- (4) The intentional concealment on one's person of any switchblade knife, spring knife, or other knife or similar instrument having a blade which may be automatically unfolded or extended from a handle by the manipulation of a button, switch, latch, or similar contrivance located on the handle. Present law provides certain exceptions to this prohibition.
- (5) The intentional possession or use by any person of a dangerous weapon on a school campus during regular school hours or on a school bus. Present law provides certain exceptions to this prohibition.

Proposed law retains present law but provides an exception to the prohibition described in Paragraph (1) of present law for any person who has a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to present law (R.S. 40:1379.1.1, 1379.3, and 1379.3.2). Proposed law further provides that the provisions of Paragraph (1) of present law shall not prohibit a person with a valid concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to present law from carrying a concealed firearm or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon on his person unless otherwise prohibited by present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(A)(1), (2), and (3))