
DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the amount of time required to lapse before a person with a felony conviction is allowed to possess a concealed weapon or apply for a concealed handgun permit from 10 years to five years.

Present law prohibits persons convicted of certain felony offenses from possessing firearms or carrying concealed weapons.

Present law further provides an exception to the prohibition of possessing a firearm for any person who has not been convicted of any felony for a period of 10 years from the date of completion of sentence, probation, parole, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the time period from 10 years to five years with regard to the time elapsed since the person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence.

Present law provides that a person is ineligible for a concealed handgun permit if he has been convicted of a felony offense even if the conviction has been expunged.

Present law further provides that to qualify for a concealed handgun permit, a La. resident shall not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or not be charged under indictment or a bill of information for any crime of violence or any crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year or greater.

Present law provides that a person who has obtained an expungement for a felony conviction shall not be considered ineligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit if:

- (1) The person's felony conviction was not for a crime of violence and 10 years have elapsed since the completion of the person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence.
- (2) The person has been pardoned by the governor and the pardon does not expressly prohibit the person from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the time period from 10 years to five years with regard to the time elapsed since the completion of the person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.1(C) and R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10))