## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Exempts certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons and removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 14:95) prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm, provides for criminal penalties, and provides for certain exceptions to the offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends <u>present law</u> to create an exception to this prohibition for a person who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides that La. residents who meet certain eligibility requirements may apply for and be issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun on his person in the state of La. Further requires the person to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(M)(1) and (2) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B))