DIGEST

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HB 12 Original	2024 Second Extraordinary Session	McCormick

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 located in La. who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

<u>Proposed law</u> (R.S. 14:95(N)) provides that any person carrying a weapon pursuant to <u>proposed law</u> (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall be subject to the restrictions contained in <u>present law</u> (R.S. 40:1379.3(M) and (N)).

<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.

Proposed law retains present law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a)) provides that a La. resident who meets the qualifications of present law (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. pursuant to present law in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La. Further provides that the provisions of present law shall not affect the requirements of reciprocity.

<u>Proposed law</u> amends present law to provide that a person who meets the qualifications of present law (R.S. 14:95(M)) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. pursuant to present law 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)(2)(a); Adds R.S. 14:95(N); Repeals R.S. 14:95(M)(3))