SENATE BILL NO. 1

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a), (M), and (O) and to enact R.S. 14:95(N), relative to illegal carrying of weapons; to provide that law-abiding persons eighteen years of age and not otherwise prohibited may carry a concealed weapon lawfully without a permit; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:95(M) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:95(N) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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M. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to a resident of Louisiana any person who is if all of the following conditions are met:

(1) The person is twenty-one years of age or older.

(2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S. 14:95.1, R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(5) through (17), 18 U.S.C. 922(g), or any other state or federal law.

(3) The person is a reserve or active-duty member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, a member of the Louisiana National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard, or a former member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, a member of the Louisiana National Guard or the Louisiana Air National Guard.

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.
States Armed Forces, the Louisiana National Guard, or the Louisiana Air National
Guard who has been honorably discharged from service.

(b) At all times that a person is in possession of a concealed handgun
pursuant to R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2), that person shall have on his person proof that he
meets the qualifications of Subparagraph (a) of this Paragraph demonstrated by one
of the following:

(i) A valid military identification card;

(ii) A valid driver's license issued by the state of Louisiana displaying the
word “Veteran” pursuant to R.S. 32:412(K);

(iii) A valid special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana
displaying the word “Veteran” pursuant to R.S. 40:1321(K);

(iv) For a member released from service who does not qualify to have the
word “Veteran” displayed on a state issued driver's license or special identification
card, a Department of Defense Form 214 (DD-214) indicating the character of
service as “Honorable” or “Under Honorable Conditions (General)” and a valid
driver's license or special identification card issued by the state of Louisiana.

N. Any person lawfully carrying a handgun pursuant to Subsection M
of this Section shall be subject to the restrictions contained in R.S. 40:1379.3(I),
(M), (N), and (O).

Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(2)(a), (M), and (O) are hereby amended and reenacted
to read as follows:

§1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
definitions

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B.

(2)(a) A Louisiana resident person who meets the qualifications of R.S.
14:95(M) shall not be required to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued
by the state of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this Section in order to carry
a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana. The provisions of this Paragraph shall
not affect the requirements of reciprocity as provided in Subsection T of this Section.
M. No concealed handgun may be carried into and no concealed handgun permit shall be valid or entitle any permittee to carry a concealed weapon handgun in any facility, building, location, zone, or area in which firearms are banned by state or federal law.

O. (1) The provisions of Subsection N of this Section shall not limit the right of a property owner, lessee, or other lawful custodian to prohibit or restrict access of those persons possessing a concealed handgun pursuant to a permit issued under this Section or a person lawfully carrying a handgun pursuant to R.S. 14:95(M).

(2) No individual to whom a concealed handgun permit is issued or who is lawfully carrying a handgun pursuant to R.S. 14:95(M) may carry such a concealed handgun into the private residence of another without first receiving the consent of that person.

Section 3. This Act shall become effective on July 4, 2024.