

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 377

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

WEAPONS. Prohibits possession of firearms, ammunition, or electric weapons or devices by certain felons. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(A), relative to illegal possession of a firearm or
3 concealed carry of a weapon; to prohibit possession of a firearm or carrying a
4 concealed weapon by persons convicted of certain felonies; to provide for
5 consideration of certain juvenile offenses; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §95.1. Possession of firearm or carrying concealed weapon by a person convicted of
9 certain felonies

10 A.(1) It is unlawful for any person who has been convicted of, or has been
11 found not guilty by reason of insanity for, a crime of violence as defined in R.S.
12 14:2(B) which is a felony or simple burglary, ~~burglary of a pharmacy~~, burglary of an
13 inhabited dwelling, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, felony illegal use
14 of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities, manufacture or possession of a delayed
15 action incendiary device, manufacture or possession of a bomb, or possession of a
16 firearm while in the possession of or during the sale or distribution of a controlled
17 dangerous substance, or any violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous

1 Substances Law which is a felony, or any crime which is defined as a sex offense in
 2 R.S. 15:541, or any crime defined as an attempt to commit one of the above-
 3 enumerated offenses under the laws of this state, or who has been convicted under
 4 the laws of any other state or of the United States or of any foreign government or
 5 country of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be one of the above-
 6 enumerated crimes, to possess a firearm or carry a concealed weapon.

7 **(2) This Section shall also apply to any person who committed a**
 8 **felony-grade delinquent act described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection while**
 9 **in possession of a firearm, if adjudicated when that person was fifteen or sixteen**
 10 **years of age, and the person is under the age of twenty-two years at the time of**
 11 **the violation of this Section.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits a person from possessing or carrying a concealed weapon if he has been convicted of, or been found not guilty by reason of insanity for, a crime of violence that is a felony, or certain burglary offenses, or felony illegal uses of weapons, manufacture or possession of a bomb or incendiary device, possession of a firearm during the commission of certain drug offenses, any sex offense, or any crime defined as an attempts to commit one of these offenses, or who has been convicted under the laws of another jurisdiction of a crime that, if committed in Louisiana, would be one of these crimes.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the prohibition against possessing a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon to persons that committed a felony-grade delinquent act provided for in present law when that person was 15 or 16 years old and that person is under the age of 22 when the offense is committed.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.1(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary C to the original bill

1. Delete the exception to proposed law for a person possessing a firearm illegally while hunting.