

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 102

BY REPRESENTATIVE NORTON

CRIME: Creates the crime of carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on the premises of a motion picture theater

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95.11, relative to offenses affecting public safety; to create the crime of
3 carrying a firearm or a dangerous weapon on the premises of a motion picture
4 theater; to provide criminal penalties; to provide definitions; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.11 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §95.11. Carrying a firearm or dangerous weapon on the premises of a motion
9 picture theater

10 A. No person shall intentionally possess a firearm or dangerous weapon as
11 defined in R.S. 14:2 while on the premises of a motion picture theater.

12 B. For purposes of this Section, the following words have the following
13 meanings:

14 (1) "Motion picture" means a nationally or internationally distributed
15 feature-length film, short film, video, or documentary for theatrical viewing.

16 (2) "Motion picture theater" means a movie theater which is open to the
17 public and typically charges admission for the exhibition of a motion picture.

18 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to any of the following:

19 (1) A federal law enforcement officer or a Louisiana-commissioned state or
20 local P.O.S.T. certified law enforcement officer authorized to carry a firearm.

1 (2) An armed security guard employed by the motion picture theater who is
2 qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards
3 and Training and have proof of qualification.

4 (3) Any constitutionally protected activity which cannot be regulated by the
5 state, such as a firearm contained entirely within a motor vehicle.

6 D. Whoever commits the crime of carrying a firearm or a dangerous weapon
7 on the premises of a motion picture theater shall be fined not more than two thousand
8 dollars or imprisoned with or without hard labor for not more than two years, or
9 both.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates the crime of possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon on the premises of a motion picture theater.

Proposed law prohibits the possession of a firearm or dangerous weapon on the premises of a motion picture theater and provides for certain exceptions.

Proposed law provides penalties of a fine of not more than \$2,000, or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

(Adds R.S. 14:95.11)