

2016 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 46

BY SENATOR GATTI

LAW ENFORCEMENT. Excludes carrying a concealed handgun from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons. (8/1/16)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 14:95(L), relative to illegal carrying of weapons; to exempt certain Louisiana
3 residents from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons if the firearm is a handgun;
4 to provide applicability; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(L) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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9 **L. The provisions of Paragraph (A)(1) of this Section shall not apply to**
10 **a Louisiana resident if all of the following conditions are met:**

11 **(1) The Louisiana resident is twenty-one years of age or older.**

12 **(2) The Louisiana resident is not prohibited from possessing a firearm**
13 **under the provisions of R.S. 14:95.1 or any federal law.**

14 **(3) The firearm is a handgun that is commonly referred to as a pistol or**
15 **revolver originally designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge**
16 **ammunition. For purposes of this Subsection, the term "handgun" shall not**
17 **include a shotgun or rifle that has been altered by having its stock or barrel cut**

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or shortened.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Ashley E. Menou.

DIGEST

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Present law prohibits the concealed carry of any firearm or other instrument customarily used as a dangerous weapon.

Proposed law creates an exception and allows a Louisiana resident 21 years of age or older to carry a concealed handgun if the resident is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under a state or federal law.

Proposed law provides that the firearm must be a handgun commonly referred to as a pistol or revolver designed to be fired by the use of a single hand and that is designed to fire or is capable of firing fixed cartridge ammunition.

Proposed law prohibits the concealed carry of shotguns or rifles that have been altered by having their stocks or barrels cut or shortened.

Effective August 1, 2016.

(Adds R.S. 14:95(L))