
DIGEST

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Horton

Abstract: Changes disqualifications for obtaining concealed handgun permits to persons convicted of certain felonies rather than all felony offenses.

Present law provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits and provides for eligibility requirements.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that a person is ineligible for a concealed handgun permit if he is prohibited from possessing a firearm because he has been convicted of a felony offense even if the conviction has been expunged.

Proposed law changes present law to define the ineligibility for possession to convictions for domestic abuse battery, possession of a firearm by a person convicted of domestic abuse battery, and to those offenses under present law which prohibit the possession of a firearm.

Present law prohibits a person convicted of any felony from obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

Proposed law changes the prohibition to apply to convictions for crimes of violence and sex offenses, and attempts of those offenses.

Proposed law changes present law to provide that a person who has been pardoned by the governor shall not be considered ineligible to obtain a concealed handgun permit unless the pardon expressly prohibits the person from shipping, transporting, possessing, or receiving firearms.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(6) and (10))