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SB 118 Reengrossed

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Present law provides for the crime of "illegal carrying of weapons" in part as the intentional concealment of any firearm, or other instrumentality customarily used or intended for probable use as a dangerous weapon by a person.

Present law provides for certain exceptions to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, including for those La. residents issued a concealed handgun permit by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Proposed law creates an additional exception for any person who does not possess a concealed handgun permit but otherwise meets the same eligibility requirements as those who do possess a concealed handgun permit.

Present law prohibits a concealed handgun permit holder from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance.

Proposed law extends the prohibition from carrying and concealing a handgun while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled dangerous substance to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Present law requires a concealed handgun permit holder to notify any police officer who approaches the permittee in an official manner or with an identified official purpose that he has a weapon on his person, submit to a pat-down, and allow the officer to temporarily disarm him.

Proposed law extends the notification requirement to nonpermitted but otherwise legal carriers.

Effective August 1, 2021.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(B) and (I)(1) and (2); Adds R.S. 14:95(M) and R.S. 40:1379.3.3)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Changes application of proposed law from Louisiana residents to any person.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the reengrossed bill:

1. Make technical changes to the citations and title.
2. Specify that a La. resident who meets proposed law qualifications shall not be required to possess a permit and further specify that proposed law provisions shall not affect present law reciprocity requirements.
3. Require state police to provide a 60-minute online concealed handgun education course.
4. Require state police to maintain an online database of all licensed handgun and firearm instructors to be made available to the public.

