

Regular Session, 2012

HOUSE BILL NO. 15

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WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Authorizes off-duty law enforcement officers to carry concealed handguns in certain facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(C), relative to the possession of a firearm on the
3 premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet; to provide for an exception for certain off-
4 duty law enforcement officers; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.5(C) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §95.5. Possession of firearm on premises of alcoholic beverage outlet

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9 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to the owner or lessee of an
10 alcoholic beverage outlet, ~~or to~~ an employee of such owner or lessee, ~~or to~~ a law
11 enforcement officer or other person vested with law enforcement authority acting in
12 the performance of his official duties, or an off-duty law enforcement officer who
13 is not consuming alcohol.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an exception to the prohibition against carrying firearms in an alcoholic beverage outlet for off-duty law enforcement officers who are not consuming alcohol.

Present law prohibits any person from possessing a firearm while on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet and provides for criminal penalties including a maximum fine of \$500, a term of imprisonment for not more than six months, or both.

Present law contains exceptions for the owner or lessee of the establishment, an employee of the establishment, or a law enforcement officer acting in the performance of his official duties.

Proposed law retains the provisions of present law and creates an additional exception for off-duty law enforcement officers who are not consuming alcohol.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.5(C))