

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 348

BY REPRESENTATIVE LORUSSO

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Amends penalties imposed for a convicted felon in possession of a firearm

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(B), relative to the crime of possession of a firearm or
3 carrying a concealed weapon by a person convicted of certain felonies; to provide
4 for increased penalties; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §95.1. Possession of firearm or carrying concealed weapon by a person convicted
8 of certain felonies

9 * * *

10 B. Whoever is found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section shall
11 be imprisoned at hard labor for not less than ten nor more than ~~fifteen~~ twenty years
12 without the benefit of probation, parole, or suspension of sentence and be fined not
13 less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars. Notwithstanding
14 the provisions of R.S. 14:27, whoever is found guilty of attempting to violate the
15 provisions of this Section shall be imprisoned at hard labor for not more than seven
16 and one half years and fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than two
17 thousand five hundred dollars.

18 * * *

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Lorusso

HB No. 348

Abstract: Increases penalties for the crime of carrying or concealing a firearm by certain convicted felons.

Present law creates the crime of possession of a firearm or carrying a concealed firearm by persons convicted of certain felonies.

Present law provides penalties of a fine of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 and imprisonment at hard labor for not less than 10 nor more than 15 years without benefit of parole, probation, or suspension of sentence.

Proposed law increases the maximum penalty from 15 to 20 years and otherwise retains present law.

Proposed law further provides a maximum penalty for an attempted offense including imprisonment at hard labor for not more than seven and one half years and a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.1(B))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Administration of Criminal Justice to the original bill.

1. Added a maximum penalty for an attempted offense including imprisonment at hard labor for not more than seven and one half years and a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500.