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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

LEGISLATIVE OFFICERS: Authorizes an assistant sergeant at arms of the House of Representatives and Senate to carry an approved firearm following training

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To authorize and direct the sergeants at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives and
3	the Louisiana Senate to authorize their assistant sergeants at arms when in uniform
4	to carry an approved firearm inside the Louisiana State Capitol building and on the
5	capitol grounds.
6	WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Capitol is one of the most popular tourist
7	destinations in this state; and
8	WHEREAS, the unique architecture and history associated with the State Capitol
9	draw thousands of visitors to the capitol grounds each year; and
10	WHEREAS, the House of Representatives and the Senate sergeants at arms and their
11	assistant sergeants at arms provide a vital public service by playing an essential role in
12	safeguarding the members of the Louisiana Legislature and the thousands of visitors to the
13	State Capitol; and
14	WHEREAS, our society is becoming more dangerous with reports of shootings at
15	public locations increasing in frequency; and
16	WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate protection to the citizens of Louisiana, its
17	legislature, and visitors to the Louisiana State Capitol, the sergeants at arms as well as the
18	assistant sergeants at arms for the House of Representatives and the Senate should be
19	authorized to carry firearms; and
20	WHEREAS, there are many opportunities to demonstrate competence with a
21	handgun, such as completion of any National Rifle Association handguns safety or training

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1	course, any Department of Public Safety and Corrections approved firearms safety or
2	training course, any class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement
3	agency, college, or private or public institution, organization, or firearms training school, or
4	completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class approved by
5	the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and offered for correctional officers,
6	investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security
7	enforcement; and
8	WHEREAS, upon completion of a firearms course and successful demonstration of
9	such competence, an assistant House or Senate sergeant at arms who is in uniform should
10	be able to carry his department-approved firearm while in the course and scope of his duties.
11	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
12	authorize and direct the sergeants at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the
13	Louisiana Senate to authorize each assistant sergeant at arms to complete a firearms
14	competency course and upon successful completion of such a course to carry his approved
15	firearm on his person when in uniform inside the Louisiana State Capitol building and on
16	the capitol grounds.
17	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
18	authorize and direct the sergeants at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the
19	Louisiana Senate to promulgate rules and standards relative to approved firearms
20	competency courses for assistant sergeants at arms; maintenance and approval of firearms
21	utilized by assistant sergeants at arms; requirements relative to the maintenance of
22	accreditation by assistant sergeants at arms; procedures and standards relative to the carrying
23	and use of firearms while in the course of duty; and other related matters.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted

to the sergeants at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives and the Louisiana Senate.

DIGEST

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Hardy HCR No. 19

Authorizes and directs the sergeants at arms of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to authorize their assistants when in uniform to carry an approved firearm inside the La. State Capitol building and on the capitol grounds.

Further authorizes the sergeant at arms of the La. House of Representatives and the La. Senate to promulgate rules and standards relative to: approved firearms competency courses for assistant sergeants at arms; maintenance and approval of firearms utilized by assistant sergeants at arms; requirements relative to the maintenance of accreditation by assistant sergeants at arms; procedures and standards relative to the carrying and use of firearms while in the course of duty; and other related matters.