

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY REPRESENTATIVE HARDY

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

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the sergeant at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives to  
3 authorize an assistant sergeant at arms when in uniform to carry an approved firearm  
4 on his person inside the Louisiana State Capitol building and on the capitol grounds.

5 WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Capitol is one of the most popular tourist  
6 destinations in this state; and

7 WHEREAS, the unique architecture and history associated with the State Capitol  
8 draw thousands of visitors to the capitol grounds each year; and

9 WHEREAS, the House sergeant at arms and his assistant sergeants at arms provide  
10 a vital public service by playing an essential role in safeguarding the members of the  
11 Louisiana Legislature and the thousands of visitors to the State Capitol; and

12 WHEREAS, our society is becoming more dangerous with reports of shootings at  
13 public locations increasing in frequency; and

14 WHEREAS, in order to provide adequate protection to the citizens of Louisiana, its  
15 legislature, and visitors to the Louisiana State Capitol, the sergeant at arms as well as the  
16 assistant sergeants at arms for the House of Representatives should be authorized to carry  
17 firearms; and

18 WHEREAS, there are many opportunities to demonstrate competence with a  
19 handgun, such as completion of any National Rifle Association handguns safety or training  
20 course, any Department of Public Safety and Corrections approved firearms safety or  
21 training course, any class available to the general public offered by a law enforcement

1 agency, college, or private or public institution, organization, or firearms training school, or  
2 completion of any law enforcement firearms safety or training course or class approved by  
3 the Department of Public Safety and Corrections and offered for correctional officers,  
4 investigators, special deputies, or any division or subdivision of law enforcement or security  
5 enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, upon completion of a firearms course and successful demonstration of  
7 such competence, an assistant House sergeant at arms who is in uniform should be able to  
8 carry his department-approved firearm while in the course and scope of his duties.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby  
10 authorize and direct the sergeant at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives to  
11 authorize each assistant sergeant at arms to complete an approved firearms competency  
12 course and upon successful completion of such a course to carry his approved firearm on his  
13 person when in uniform inside the Louisiana State Capitol building and on the capitol  
14 grounds.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives does hereby  
16 authorize and direct the sergeant at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives to  
17 promulgate rules and standards relative to approved firearms competency courses for  
18 assistant sergeants at arms; maintenance and approval of firearms utilized by assistant  
19 sergeants at arms; requirements relative to the maintenance of accreditation by assistant  
20 sergeants at arms; procedures and standards relative to the carrying and use of firearms while  
21 in the course of duty; and other related matters.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted  
23 to the sergeant at arms of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

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#### 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)]

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Authorizes and directs the sergeant at arms of the La. House of Representatives to authorize his 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 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.