

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 233

BY SENATOR MIGUEZ

WEAPONS. Provides for the carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D) and (E) and 1379.1.4(F) and (G), relative to carrying of
3 concealed firearms; to provide relative to carrying of concealed firearms by qualified
4 law enforcement officers and qualified retired law enforcement officers; to provide
5 relative to penalties for violation of concealed carry provisions; to provide relative
6 to authority of attorney general to bring civil actions; to provide for court costs and
7 attorney fees; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D) and (E) and 1379.1.4(F) and (G) are hereby enacted
10 to read as follows:

11 §1379.1.3. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers

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13 **D. A business organization operating a venue shall be subject to a civil**
14 **fine of one thousand dollars per occurrence to be paid to the Department of**
15 **Justice for each violation of the provisions of this Section. Each violation of this**
16 **Section shall constitute a separate offense. The attorney general shall have the**
17 **authority to bring a civil action arising out of any violation of the provisions of**

1 **this Section, in addition to any other authority granted by the Constitution of**
2 **Louisiana and laws of this state.**

3 **E. The court shall assess all court costs, including attorney fees, incurred**
4 **in the institution of the action required by this Section against the subject of the**
5 **action for any violation of the provisions of this Section.**

6 §1379.1.4. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement
7 officers

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9 **F. A business organization operating a venue shall be subject to a civil**
10 **fine of one thousand dollars per occurrence to be paid to the Department of**
11 **Justice for each violation of the provisions of this Section. Each violation of this**
12 **Section shall constitute a separate offense. The attorney general shall have the**
13 **authority to bring a civil action arising out of any violation of the provisions of**
14 **this Section, in addition to any other authority granted by the Constitution of**
15 **Louisiana and laws of this state.**

16 **G. The court shall assess all court costs, including attorney fees, incurred**
17 **in the institution of the action required by this Section against the subject of the**
18 **action for any violation of the provisions of this Section.**

The original instrument was prepared by Angela L. De Jean. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

DIGEST

SB 233 Reengrossed 2024 Regular Session Miguez

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.1.3) permits an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer to carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public, if he meets certain eligibility criteria.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.1.4) permits an individual who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public, if he meets certain eligibility criteria.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that a business organization operating a venue shall be subject to a civil fine of \$1,000 per occurrence to be paid to the Department of Justice for each violation of the provisions of present law, permitting a qualified law enforcement officer or a qualified retired law enforcement officer to carry a concealed firearm.

Proposed law provides that the attorney general shall have the authority to bring a civil action arising out of any violation of the provisions of proposed law, in addition to any other authority granted by the Constitution and laws of this state.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.1.3(D) and (E) and 1379.1.4(F) and (G))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds provision that the civil fine be paid to the Department of Justice.