2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 304

## BY REPRESENTATIVE MAGEE

## WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides with respect to cost of concealed handgun permit for veterans

| 1  | AN ACT   |
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| 2  | To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(W), relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide                    |
| 3  | for an exemption from fees for veterans of the United States Armed Forces; and to                            |
| 4  | provide for related matters.   |
| 5  | Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:   |
| 6  | Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(W) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:                             |
| 7  | §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;                                   |
| 8  | definitions  |
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| 10 | W.(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an active duty                                   |
| 11 | member <del>, or</del> reserve member <del>, or veteran</del> of the armed forces of the United States shall |
| 12 | pay one half of the annual fee provided for in Paragraph (H)(2) of this Section for a                        |
| 13 | five-year permit, or if applying for a lifetime concealed handgun permit, he shall                           |
| 14 | prepay that fee for a total of ten years at the time the application for the lifetime                        |
| 15 | concealed handgun permit is made.  |
| 16 | (2) A veteran of the armed forces of the United States shall be exempt from                                  |
| 17 | all fees associated with the five-year permit or lifetime concealed carry permit.                            |
| 18 | (2)(3) For the purposes of this Subsection, "veteran" shall mean any   |
| 19 | honorably discharged veteran of the armed forces of the United States including                              |
| 20 | reserved components of the armed forces, the Army National Guard, the Air National                           |
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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

1 Guard, the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, and any other category

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of persons designated by the president in time of war or emergency.

## DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts veterans of the armed forces from concealed handgun permit fees.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the issuance of concealed handgun permits and provides fees for those permits.

<u>Present law</u> provides that U.S. armed forces veterans pay one-half of the fees associated with obtaining a concealed handgun permit.

<u>Proposed law</u> changes <u>present law</u> to exempt veterans of the U.S. armed forces from all fees associated with concealed handgun permits.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(W))