2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCCORMICK

## WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to the concealed carrying of firearms

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(B) and to enact R.S. 14:95(M), relative to the illegal
3	carrying of weapons; to exempt certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of
4	weapons; to provide relative to concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to the
5	authority of a person to carry a concealed handgun without a permit; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 14:95(M) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
9	§95. Illegal carrying of weapons
10	* * *
11	<u>M.</u> The provisions of Paragraph $(A)(1)$ of this Section shall not apply to a
12	person if all of the following conditions are met:
13	(1) The person is eighteen years of age or older.
14	(2) The person is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under R.S.
15	14:95.1 or any other state or federal law.
16	Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
17	§1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;
18	definitions
19	* * *

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1	B.(1) A concealed handgun permit shall be issued only to a Louisiana
2	resident who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section. A concealed
3	handgun permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall grant authority
4	to a Louisiana resident to carry a concealed handgun on his person.
5	(2) A Louisiana resident shall be required to possess a valid concealed
6	handgun permit issued by the state of Louisiana pursuant to the provisions of this
7	Section in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of Louisiana.
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## DIGEST

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Abstract: Exempts certain persons from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, and removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 14:95) prohibits the carrying of a concealed firearm, provides for criminal penalties, and provides for certain exceptions to the offense.

<u>Proposed law</u> creates an exception to this prohibition for a person who is 18 years of age or older and who is not prohibited from possessing a firearm under any federal or state law.

<u>Present law</u> (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides that La. residents who meet certain eligibility requirements may apply for and be issued a concealed handgun permit authorizing the person to carry a concealed handgun on his person in the state of La. <u>Present law</u> requires the person to possess a valid concealed handgun permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the requirement that a person possess a permit issued by the state of La. in order to carry a concealed handgun in the state of La.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(B); Adds R.S. 14:95(M))