

2021 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 4

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUBUISSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.8(A), relative to the illegal possession of handguns; to
3 provide relative to the illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile; to provide
4 relative to the elements of the offense regarding the form of possession; to remove
5 the requirement that the handgun be possessed on the offender's person in order for
6 the offense to apply; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.8(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §95.8. Illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile

10 A. It is unlawful for any person who has not attained the age of eighteen
11 years knowingly to possess any handgun ~~on his person~~. Any person possessing any
12 handgun in violation of this Section commits the offense of illegal possession of a
13 handgun by a juvenile.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Removes the requirement that the handgun be possessed on the offender's person in order for the crime of illegal possession of a handgun by a juvenile to apply.

Present law prohibits any person who has not attained the age of 18 years from knowingly possessing any handgun on his person.

Present law provides certain criminal penalties and exceptions to the offense.

Proposed law amends present law to remove the requirement that the handgun be possessed on the offender's person in order for the offense to apply.

Proposed law otherwise retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.8(A))