

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 407

BY REPRESENTATIVE VENTRELLA

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

WEAPONS/HANDGUNS: Provides relative to concealed handgun permits

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(introductory paragraph), (6), (10),  
3 and (13), and (V)(1) and to repeal R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6), relative to  
4 concealed handgun permits; to provide relative to persons authorized to obtain  
5 concealed handgun permits in Louisiana; to provide relative to lifetime concealed  
6 handgun permits; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(introductory paragraph), (6), (10), and  
9 (13), and (V)(1) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

10 §1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures;  
11 definitions

12 A.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the deputy  
13 secretary of public safety services of the Department of Public Safety and  
14 Corrections shall issue a concealed handgun permit to any ~~Louisiana resident~~ person  
15 who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section and may promulgate  
16 rules and adopt regulations regarding concealed handgun permits in accordance with  
17 the Administrative Procedure Act. The permit shall contain a permit number,  
18 expiration date, photograph, and the name, address, and date of birth of the  
19 permittee.

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1 B.(1) A concealed handgun permit shall be issued only to a ~~Louisiana~~  
2 resident person who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of this Section. A  
3 concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall  
4 grant authority to a ~~Louisiana resident~~ person to carry a concealed handgun on his  
5 person.

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7 C. To qualify for a concealed handgun permit, a ~~Louisiana resident~~ person  
8 shall:

9 \* \* \*

10 (6) Not be ineligible to possess a firearm by virtue of having been convicted  
11 of a felony. A conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to  
12 August 1, 2014, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014,  
13 pursuant to Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered  
14 a conviction for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have elapsed since the  
15 completion of the ~~resident's~~ person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence.  
16 However, the provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a conviction for a crime  
17 of violence as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) even if that conviction has been expunged.  
18 A conviction for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall not be  
19 considered a conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly  
20 provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

21 \* \* \*

22 (10) Not have been convicted of, have entered a plea of guilty or nolo  
23 contendere to, or not be charged under indictment or a bill of information for any  
24 crime of violence or any crime punishable by imprisonment for a term of one year  
25 or greater. However, a person who has been convicted of a violation of 18 U.S.C.  
26 491(a) shall be permitted to qualify for a concealed handgun permit if fifteen or more  
27 years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or  
28 service of any sentence, deferred adjudication, or period of probation or parole. A  
29 conviction for a felony offense which has been expunged prior to August 1, 2014,

1 pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 44:9 or on or after August 1, 2014, pursuant to  
 2 Title XXXIV of the Code of Criminal Procedure shall not be considered a conviction  
 3 for the purposes of this Paragraph if ten years have elapsed since the completion of  
 4 the ~~resident's~~ person's probation, parole, or suspended sentence. However, the  
 5 provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a conviction for a crime of violence  
 6 as defined in R.S. 14:2(B) even if that conviction has been expunged. A conviction  
 7 for which a person has been pardoned by the governor shall not be considered a  
 8 conviction for purposes of this Paragraph, unless that pardon expressly provides that  
 9 the person may not ship, transport, possess, or receive firearms.

10 \* \* \*

11 (13) Not have been adjudicated to be mentally deficient or been committed  
 12 to a mental institution, unless the ~~resident's~~ person's right to possess a firearm has  
 13 been restored pursuant to R.S. 28:57.

14 \* \* \*

15 V.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a  
 16 ~~Louisiana resident~~ person who meets the provisions of this Section may be issued a  
 17 lifetime concealed handgun permit. The term for the lifetime concealed handgun  
 18 permit shall be for the life of the permit holder.

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20 Section 2. R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6) are hereby repealed in their entirety.

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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**Abstract:** Provides relative to individuals who may obtain a concealed handgun permit in La.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3) provides for the procedures and eligibility requirements relative to concealed handgun permits.

Proposed law retains present law generally.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(A)) provides that the deputy secretary of public safety services of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections shall issue a concealed handgun permit to any La. resident who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of present law.

Proposed law amends present law to change "La. resident" to "person".

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(B)(1)) provides that a concealed handgun permit shall be issued only to a La. resident who qualifies for a permit under the provisions of present law. Further provides that a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to present law shall grant authority to a La. resident to carry a concealed handgun on his person.

Proposed law amends present law to change "La. resident" to "person".

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(C)) provides for the requirements for a La. resident to obtain a handgun.

Proposed law amends present law to change the references of "La. resident" to "person".

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(V)) provides for the issuances of lifetime concealed handgun permits to La. residents.

Proposed law amends present law to change "La. resident" to "person".

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3)) provides that one of the requirements a La. resident has to satisfy in order to obtain a handgun is to be a resident of La.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law (R.S. 40:1379.3(V)(6)) provides that a lifetime concealed handgun permit shall be suspended if the holder of that permit becomes a resident of another state. Further provides that the lifetime concealed handgun permit shall be reactivated upon reestablishment of residency in La. if the applicant otherwise meets the requirements of present law and upon successful completion of a criminal history records check.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(1), (B)(1), (C)(intro. para.), (6), (10), and (13), and (V)(1); Repeals R.S. 40:1379.3(C)(3) and (V)(6))