

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 543

BY REPRESENTATIVE EMERSON

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides relative to concealed carry of firearms for qualified retired law enforcement officers

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1379.1.4(D), relative to the carrying of concealed weapons by qualified
3 retired law enforcement officers; to require the chief law enforcement officer to
4 provide written reasons for denying identification for the purposes of carrying
5 concealed weapons by retired officers; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.1.4(D) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §1379.1.4. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement
9 officers

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11 D. If the sheriff or chief law enforcement officer denies a qualified law
12 enforcement officer that retires in good standing the identification required by the
13 provisions of this Section, he shall issue written reasons for the denial.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Requires that written reasons be provided when a chief law enforcement officer denies the issuance of retired law enforcement identification for the purposes of carrying concealed weapons.

Present law provides that an individual who is retired from service as a qualified law enforcement officer and who was commissioned by the agency or office from which he retired and is carrying the identification required by his office as a retired law enforcement officer, may carry a concealed firearm anywhere in the state, including any place open to the public.

Present law provides that the retired law enforcement officer shall have identification which proves he is a retired law enforcement officer.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that if the sheriff or the chief law enforcement denies identification required by the provisions of present law to a qualified law enforcement officer that retires in good standing from his agency, he shall provide written reasons for the denial.

(Adds R.S. 40:1379.1.4(D))