

SENATE BILL NO. 277

BY SENATOR EDMONDS

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H), relative to the illegal carrying of weapons; to provide  
3 for an exception for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons; to provide for  
4 an exemption for certain state officials to carry concealed weapons into the state  
5 capitol building; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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10 H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(4) of this Section and in  
11 Paragraph (2) of this Subsection, the provisions of this Section shall not prohibit  
12 active justices or judges of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish  
13 courts, juvenile courts, family courts, city courts, federal courts domiciled in the state  
14 of Louisiana, and traffic courts; members of either house of the legislature; officers  
15 of either house of the legislature; the legislative auditor; designated investigative  
16 auditors; constables; coroners; designated coroner investigators; district attorneys  
17 and designated assistant district attorneys; United States attorneys and assistant  
18 United States attorneys and investigators; the governor; **a designated assistant to**  
19 **the governor**; the lieutenant governor; **a designated assistant to the lieutenant**

1 **governor**; the secretary of state; **a designated assistant to the secretary of state**;  
 2 the treasurer; **a designated assistant to the treasurer**; the commissioner of  
 3 agriculture **and forestry**; **a designated assistant to the commissioner of**  
 4 **agriculture and forestry**; the commissioner of insurance; **a designated assistant**  
 5 **to the commissioner of insurance**; the attorney general; designated assistant  
 6 attorneys general; city prosecutors; designated assistant city prosecutors; a United  
 7 States representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional  
 8 staffer; a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed  
 9 congressional staffer; justices of the peace; parish presidents; and mayor-presidents  
 10 from possessing and concealing a handgun on their person when such persons are  
 11 qualified annually in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards  
 12 and Training.

13 (2) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in the  
 14 state capitol building with the exception of the following state officials, **who may**  
 15 **carry within the entirety of the state capitol building**, if they are annually  
 16 qualified in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and  
 17 Training:

18 (a) The attorney general and members of his Louisiana Bureau of  
 19 Investigation security detail.

20 (b) Members of the legislature.

21 **(3) Nothing in this Subsection shall permit the carrying of a weapon in**  
 22 **the state capitol building, with the exception of the following state officials who**  
 23 **may carry within the state capitol building except for within the chamber of the**  
 24 **Senate, the chamber of the House of Representatives, and any legislative**  
 25 **committee room, if the officials are annually qualified in the use of firearms by**  
 26 **the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training**;

27 **(a) The governor and a designated member of his staff.**

28 **(b) The lieutenant governor and a designated member of his staff.**

29 **(c) The secretary of state and a designated member of his staff.**

30 **(d) The treasurer and a designated member of his staff.**

