

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 8

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K), relative to carrying of weapons; to provide
3 relative to the crime of illegal carrying of weapons; to provide for exceptions; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

8 §95. Illegal carrying of weapons

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10 H.(1) Except as provided in Paragraph (A)(5) 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 and
17 designated assistant district attorneys, United States attorneys and assistant United
18 States attorneys and investigators, the attorney general, designated assistant attorneys
19 general, city prosecutors, designated assistant city prosecutors, a United States
20 representative from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer,
21 a United States senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional
22 staffer, and justices of the peace from possessing and concealing a handgun on their

1 person when such persons are qualified annually in the use of firearms by the
 2 Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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4 K.(1) The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a retired justice or
 5 judge of the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, parish courts, juvenile
 6 courts, family courts, city courts, retired attorney general, retired assistant attorneys
 7 general, retired district attorneys, retired assistant district attorneys, retired members
 8 of the United States Congress, and former members of either house of the legislature
 9 from possessing and concealing a handgun on their person provided that such retired
 10 person or former member of the legislature is qualified annually, at their expense, in
 11 the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and has
 12 on their person valid identification showing proof of their status as a former member
 13 of the legislature or as a retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney
 14 general, district attorney, or assistant district attorney. For a former member of the
 15 legislature, the valid identification showing proof of status as a former legislator
 16 required by the provisions of this Paragraph shall be a legislative badge issued by the
 17 Louisiana Legislature that shall include the former member's name, the number of
 18 the district that the former member was elected to represent, the years that the former
 19 member served in the legislature, and words that indicate the person's status as a
 20 former member of the legislature.

21 (2) The retired justice, judge, attorney general, assistant attorney general,
 22 district attorney, ~~or~~ assistant district attorney, or former member of the United States
 23 Congress or either house of the legislature shall be qualified annually in the use of
 24 firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of
 25 qualification. However, this Subsection shall not apply to a retired justice, judge,
 26 attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, or assistant district
 27 attorney or to a former member of the legislature or the United States Congress who
 28 is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea
 29 of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense. For the

