

ACT No. 189

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 67

BY REPRESENTATIVE DOMANGUE

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95(H)(1) and (K), relative to the crime of illegal carrying of
3 weapons; to provide an exception to illegal carrying of weapons for certain persons;
4 and 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)(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; the lieutenant governor; the
19 secretary of state; the treasurer; the commissioner of agriculture; the commissioner
20 of insurance; the attorney general; designated assistant attorneys general; city
21 prosecutors; designated assistant city prosecutors; a United States representative
22 from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; a United States
23 senator from Louisiana and his designated, employed congressional staffer; ~~and~~
24 justices of the peace; parish presidents; and mayor-presidents from possessing and

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

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

29 (2) The retired or former justice, judge, governor, lieutenant governor,
 30 secretary of state, treasurer, commissioner of agriculture, commissioner of insurance,

1 attorney general, assistant attorney general, district attorney, assistant district
2 attorney, justice of the peace, or former member of the United States Congress or
3 either house of the legislature shall be qualified annually in the use of firearms by the
4 Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have proof of qualification.

5 ~~However, this~~

6 (3) This Subsection shall not apply to a retired or former justice, judge,
7 governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, commissioner of
8 agriculture, commissioner of insurance, attorney general, assistant attorney general,
9 district attorney, assistant district attorney, United States attorney, assistant United
10 States attorney or federal investigator, retired justice of the peace, or to a former
11 member of the legislature or the United States Congress who is medically retired
12 based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo
13 contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense.

14 ~~(3)~~ (4) For the purposes of this Subsection:

15 (a) "Retired assistant United States attorney" or "retired federal investigator"
16 means an assistant United States attorney or investigator receiving retirement
17 benefits from the Federal Employees Retirement System.

18 (b) "Retired district attorney" or "retired assistant district attorney" means
19 a district attorney or an assistant district attorney receiving retirement benefits from
20 the District Attorneys' Retirement System.

21 (c) "Retired United States attorney" means a presidentially appointed United
22 States attorney who separated from service in good standing.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____