

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE BILL NO. 20

BY REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Provides relative to the possession of firearms by concealed handgun permit holders in certain alcoholic beverage establishments

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.5(D) and to enact R.S. 14:95.5(E), relative to the
3 possession of a firearm on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet; to exempt
4 concealed permit holders from the prohibition as it relates to restaurants; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.5(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 14:95.5(E) is
8 hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §95.5. Possession of firearm on premises of alcoholic beverage outlet

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11 D. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a person possessing a
12 firearm in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to R.S.
13 40:1379.1 or 1379.3 on the premises of an alcohol beverage outlet which has been
14 issued a Class A-Restaurant permit, as defined in Part II of Chapter 1 or Part II of
15 Chapter 2 of Title 26 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

16 ~~D. E.~~ Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more
17 than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Creates an exception to the crime of possession of a firearm in alcoholic beverage outlets for concealed handgun permit holders when the possession occurs on the premises of certain restaurants.

Present law provides that no person shall intentionally possess a firearm while on the premises of an alcoholic beverage outlet.

Present law defines "alcoholic beverage outlet" as any commercial establishment in which alcoholic beverages of either high or low alcoholic content are sold in individual servings for consumption on the premises, whether or not such sales are a primary or incidental purpose of the business of the establishment.

Present law provides an exception for the owner or lessee of an alcoholic beverage outlet, or an employee of such owner or lessee, or a law enforcement officer or other person vested with law enforcement authority acting in the performance of his official duties.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law further provides for an exception for a person possessing a firearm in accordance with a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to present law on the premises of an alcohol beverage outlet which has been issued a Class A-Restaurant permit.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.5(D); Adds R.S. 14:95.5(E))