

SENATE BILL NO. 361

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1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 40:1379.1.2, 1379.1.3, and 1379.1.4, relative to the carrying of concealed
3 firearms by law enforcement officers and retired law enforcement officers; to
4 authorize the carrying of concealed firearms by certain officers and former officers
5 in public places; to provide relative to accepted forms of identification; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.1.2, 1379.1.3, and 1379.1.4 are hereby enacted to read as
9 follows:

10 **§1379.1.2. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement**
11 **officers**

12 **A. Notwithstanding any other provision of state law or any ordinance of**
13 **any political subdivision and subject to the rules and regulations or policies of**
14 **the agency or office employing the individual, an individual who is a qualified**
15 **law enforcement officer and who is carrying the identification required by his**
16 **office as a law enforcement officer, may carry a concealed firearm anywhere in**
17 **the state, including any place open to the public, whether the officer is on duty**
18 **or not, and regardless of whether the officer is engaged in the actual discharge**
19 **of his duties.**

20 **B. As used in this Section, the term "qualified law enforcement officer"**
21 **means a law enforcement officer who meets all of the following requirements:**

22 **(1) Is an active, full-time employee of a state or municipal law**
23 **enforcement agency or sheriff's office and is certified in the use of firearms by**
24 **the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.**

1 **(2) Before such separation, was an active, full-time employee of a state**
2 **or municipal law enforcement agency or sheriff's office and is certified in the**
3 **use of firearms by the Peace Officer Standards and Training Council.**

4 **(3) Was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention,**
5 **detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person**
6 **for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest.**

7 **(4)(a) Before such separation, served as a law enforcement officer for an**
8 **aggregate of twelve years or more; or**

9 **(b) Separated from service with such agency after completing any**
10 **applicable probationary period of such service due to a service-connected**
11 **disability, as determined by such agency.**

12 **(5) Qualifies annually in the use of firearms by the Peace Officer**
13 **Standards and Training Council and has proof of such certification.**

14 **(6)(a) Has not been officially found by a qualified medical professional**
15 **employed by the agency to be unqualified for reasons relating to mental health**
16 **and as a result of this finding will not be issued the photographic identification**
17 **as described in Subsection C of this Section; or**

18 **(b) Has not entered into an agreement with the agency from which the**
19 **individual separated from service in which that individual acknowledged he or**
20 **she was not qualified under this Section for reasons relating to mental health**
21 **and for those reasons did not receive or accept the photographic identification**
22 **as described in Subsection C of this Section.**

23 **(7) Is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or**
24 **hallucinatory drug or substance.**

25 **(8) Is not prohibited by federal law from receiving a firearm.**

26 **C. The identification required by this Section is the photographic**
27 **identification credential issued by the agency from which the individual**
28 **separated from service as a law enforcement officer that identifies the person**
29 **as having been employed as a law enforcement officer.**

30 **§1379.1.4. Conflict provision**

1 Nothing in the provisions of R.S. 40:1379.1.2 and 1379.1.3 shall be
2 construed to supersede the provisions of R.S. 40:1797, and in case of any
3 conflict, the provisions of R.S. 40:1797 shall control.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____