

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS**HB 702****2018 Regular Session****Bowie**

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Adds former members of the legislature to the list of persons who are excepted from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Adds that the annual qualification required of persons who are excepted from the crime of illegal carrying weapons shall be conducted at the expense of the person excepted.
2. Requires former members of the legislature to have on their person a legislative badge in order for the exception to apply.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides for the crime of illegal carrying of weapons, which prohibits the carrying of concealed weapons, and identifies certain active and retired public officials who can lawfully carry a concealed weapon. Further requires such persons to qualify annually in the use of firearms and have on their person valid identification showing proof of their status.

Proposed law provides that the annual qualification required of persons who are excepted from the crime of illegal carrying weapons shall be at the expense of the person excepted.

Proposed law adds former members of either house of the legislature to the list of persons who can lawfully carry a concealed weapon. Further requires such persons to comply with provisions of present law requiring annual qualification in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have on his person valid identification and legislative badge showing proof of status as a former member of the legislature.

Proposed law shall not apply to a former member of the legislature who is medically retired based upon any mental impairment, or who has entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to or been found guilty of a felony offense.

(Amends R.S. 14:95(K))