
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides additional qualifications for obtaining a concealed handgun permit and an alternative means of certification for instructors who provide the required training and safety courses for concealed handgun permit applicants.

Present law provides for the issuance of a concealed handgun permit for Louisiana residents who meet certain requirements including the requirement that the applicant demonstrate competence with a handgun by completing certain training and safety courses.

Present law further provides that the instructors for such courses and training shall be certified by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training as firearms instructors or by the National Rifle Association as instructors for Basic Pistol Shooting, Personal Protection in the Home, or Personal Protection Outside the Home.

Proposed law retains present law and provides for applicants to also complete any U.S. Concealed Carry Association handgun safety or training course conducted by a U.S. Concealed Carry Association certified instructor within the preceding 12 months.

Proposed law retains present law and provides alternative certification options for instructors including:

- (1) The National Rifle Association as a Carrying a Concealed Weapon instructor.
- (2) The National Rifle Association Law Enforcement Division as an instructor for courses involving the teaching of handguns.
- (3) The U.S. Concealed Carry Association as an instructor for Home Defense and Concealed Carry Fundamentals or Defensive Shooting Fundamentals.
- (4) The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Firearms Instructor Training Program or other federal agency firearms instructor course consisting of at least 40 hours of instruction.
- (5) Other instructor certification programs approved by the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

Present law provides that any safety or training course or class, except for basic handgun training in military service, shall include instruction in child access prevention.

Proposed law retains present law and provides that the applicant must demonstrate shooting proficiency and safe handling of a handgun.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(2); Adds R.S. 40:1379.3(D)(1)(j))