

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 709 (HB 702)**

**2018 Regular Session**

**Bouie**

Existing 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.

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

New law adds former members of either house of the legislature to the list of persons who are excepted from the crime of illegal carrying of weapons. Further requires such persons to comply with provisions of existing law requiring annual qualification in the use of firearms by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and have on his person a legislative badge issued by the La. Legislature that contains the former member's name, the number of the district that the former member was elected to represent, the years that the former member served in the legislature, and words that indicate person's status as a former member of the legislature.

New 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.

Effective August 1, 2018.

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