

2024 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 377

BY SENATOR KLEINPETER

WEAPONS. Prohibits possession of firearms, ammunition, or electric weapons or devices by certain felons. (8/1/24)

1 AN ACT  
2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:95.1(A), relative to illegal possession of a firearm or  
3 concealed carry of a weapon; to prohibit possession of a firearm or carrying a  
4 concealed weapon by persons convicted of certain felonies; to provide for  
5 consideration of certain juvenile offenses; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:95.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §95.1. Possession of firearm or carrying concealed weapon by a person convicted of  
9 certain felonies

10 A.(1) It is unlawful for any person who has been convicted of, or has been  
11 found not guilty by reason of insanity for, a crime of violence as defined in R.S.  
12 14:2(B) which is a felony or simple burglary, ~~burglary of a pharmacy~~, burglary of an  
13 inhabited dwelling, unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling, felony illegal use  
14 of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities, manufacture or possession of a delayed  
15 action incendiary device, manufacture or possession of a bomb, or possession of a  
16 firearm while in the possession of or during the sale or distribution of a controlled  
17 dangerous substance, or any violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous

1 Substances Law which is a felony, or any crime which is defined as a sex offense in  
 2 R.S. 15:541, or any crime defined as an attempt to commit one of the above-  
 3 enumerated offenses under the laws of this state, or who has been convicted under  
 4 the laws of any other state or of the United States or of any foreign government or  
 5 country of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be one of the above-  
 6 enumerated crimes, to possess a firearm or carry a concealed weapon.

7 **(2)(a) This Section shall also apply to any person who committed a**  
 8 **felony-grade delinquent act described in Paragraph (1) of this Subsection while**  
 9 **in possession of a firearm, if adjudicated when that person was fifteen or sixteen**  
 10 **years of age, and the person is under the age of twenty-two years at the time of**  
 11 **the violation of this Section.**

12 **(b) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply to a person who is**  
 13 **hunting pursuant to a valid license issued to him pursuant to the laws of this**  
 14 **state with a firearm that is lawful for hunting pursuant to the official**  
 15 **regulations of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, federal law, and any**  
 16 **applicable local or parish ordinances.**

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
 of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jonathon Wagner.

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DIGEST

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Present law prohibits any person convicted of, or found not guilty by reason of insanity for, a crime of violence as defined in present law, or any crime defined as an attempt to commit a crime of violence under the laws of Louisiana, or has been convicted under the laws of any other state or of the United States or of any foreign government or country of a crime which, if committed in this state, would be a crime of violence, from possessing a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon.

Proposed law retains present law and extends the prohibition against possessing a firearm or carrying a concealed weapon to persons that committed a felony-grade delinquent act (that would be a crime of violence if committed by an adult) when that person was 15 or 16 years old and that person is under the age of 24 when the offense is committed.

Proposed law provides an exception to proposed law for a person hunting lawfully with a license issued pursuant to official regulations of the Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Effective August 1, 2024.

(Amends R.S. 14:95.1(A))