Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

AN ACT

To enact R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3), relative to concealed handgun permits; to prohibit the release, dissemination, or publishing of information with respect to concealed handgun permit applications; to provide for exceptions; to provide for criminal penalties; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 40:1379.3(A)(3) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§1379.3. Statewide permits for concealed handguns; application procedures; definitions

A.

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(3)(a) Absent a valid court order requiring the release of information, or unless an applicant or a recipient of a concealed handgun permit is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun, it shall be unlawful for any employee of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections or any law enforcement officer to intentionally release or disseminate for publication any information contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information regarding the identity of any person who applied for or received a concealed handgun permit issued pursuant to this Section. A person who violates the provisions of this
Subparagraph shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned for not
more than six months, or both.

    (b)(i) It shall be unlawful for any person other than an employee of the
Department of Public Safety and Corrections or a law enforcement officer to
intentionally release, disseminate, or make public in any manner any information
contained in an application for a concealed handgun permit or any information
regarding the identity of any person who applied for or received a concealed
handgun permit issued pursuant to this Section. Any person who violates the
provisions of this Subparagraph shall be fined ten thousand dollars and may be
imprisoned for not more than six months.

    (ii) The provisions of this Subparagraph shall not apply to the release of
information under any of the following circumstances:

        (aa) A valid court order requires the release of the information.

        (bb) The information released identifies a concealed handgun permit holder
or applicant who is charged with a felony offense involving the use of a handgun.

        (cc) The information regarding a concealed handgun permit applicant or
holder is released pursuant to the express approval for the release of such
information by that permit applicant or holder.

        (dd) The information regarding a concealed handgun permit holder or
applicant has been made public by that concealed handgun permit holder or
applicant.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _______________________

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