

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOYD

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

WEAPONS/FIREARMS: Prohibits carrying firearms into hospitals and mental health facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 14:402.1(A), relative to the taking of contraband to hospitals; to
3 provide relative to the taking of firearms or certain other instrumentalities into a
4 hospital, mental health facility, or community health center; to provide for
5 exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 14:402.1(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §402.1. Taking of contraband to hospitals, mental health facilities, community
9 health centers unlawful; penalty

10 A.(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to introduce or attempt to introduce
11 into or upon the grounds or buildings of any hospital, mental health facility,
12 community health center, or related facility, except through regular channels as
13 authorized by the administrator of the hospital, any of the following articles which
14 are hereby declared contraband for the purposes of this Section, namely: Any
15 intoxicating beverage or beverage which causes or may cause an intoxicating effect,
16 any controlled dangerous substance that has not been prescribed or recommended in
17 accordance with the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Law at R.S. 40:961
18 et seq., ~~and any firearm or other~~ any instrumentality customarily considered a
19 dangerous weapon possessed by a person who is prohibited from possessing the
20 ~~firearm or instrumentality pursuant to state or federal law,~~ or any firearm.

- (2) A security officer who is employed or sanctioned and approved by any hospital, mental health facility, community health center, or related facility to protect a person, property, or both, provided the officer successfully completes the La. Commission on Law Enforcement's firearms training for peace officers of this state, including annual recertification of such training.

(Amends R.S. 14:402.1(A))