

AN ACT

relating to the handgun proficiency required to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 411.188(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who seeks to obtain a license and must contain training sessions divided into two parts. One part of the course must be classroom instruction and the other part must be range instruction and an actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's ability to safely and proficiently use a handgun. An applicant must be able to demonstrate, at a minimum, the degree of proficiency that is required to effectively operate a handgun [~~of .32 caliber or above~~]. The department shall distribute the standards, course requirements, and examinations on request to any qualified handgun instructor.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 263 passed the Senate on April 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 263 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor