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H.B. No. 3138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to recognizing a license to carry a handgun issued by another state.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.173, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) remains in effect until the license expires under Section 411.183; and

(2) may be renewed under Section 411.185.

(a-1) Repealed by Acts 2005, 79th Leg., Ch. 915, Sec. 4, eff. September 1, 2005.

(b) A valid ~~[The governor shall negotiate an agreement with any other state that provides for the issuance of a]~~ license to carry a handgun ~~[under which a license]~~ issued by any ~~[the]~~ other state is recognized in this state ~~[or shall issue a proclamation that a license issued by the other state is recognized in this state]~~ if the attorney general of the State of Texas determines that a background check of each applicant for a license issued by that state is initiated by state or local authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the license is issued. For purposes of this subsection, "background check" means a search of the National Crime Information Center database and the Interstate Identification Index maintained by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1 (c) The attorney general of the State of Texas shall
2 annually:

3 (1) submit and make publicly available a report to the
4 governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house of
5 representatives listing the states the attorney general has
6 determined qualify for recognition under Subsection (b); and

7 (2) review the statutes of states that the attorney
8 general has determined do not qualify for recognition under
9 Subsection (b) to determine the changes to their statutes that are
10 necessary to qualify for recognition under that subsection.

11 (d) The attorney general of the State of Texas shall submit
12 and publish the report required by Subsection (c)(1) not later than
13 January 1 of each calendar year.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
18 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.