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H.B. No. 1696

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to adding a designation on a person's driver's license or
3 commercial driver's license indicating that the person is licensed
4 to carry a handgun.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 507.001(b), Business & Commerce Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (b) This section does not affect:

9 (1) the requirement to display a handgun license under
10 Section 411.205, Government Code~~[, that a person subject to that~~
11 ~~section present a driver's license or identification certificate in~~
12 ~~addition to a concealed handgun license]~~; or

13 (2) the types of identification required under federal
14 law to access airport premises or pass through airport security.

15 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
16 amended by adding Section 411.1795 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 411.1795. DESIGNATION ON DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
18 COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE. The department shall adopt rules
19 allowing an applicant for an original, duplicate, modified, or
20 renewed license under this subchapter, in addition to being issued
21 an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license, to elect to
22 include on the person's driver's license or commercial driver's
23 license a designation indicating that the person is licensed under
24 this subchapter. The rules must include procedures to ensure that a

1 person who makes an election under this section:

2 (1) receives a designation on the person's driver's
3 license or commercial driver's license only if the person meets the
4 requirements for issuance of the original, duplicate, modified, or
5 renewed handgun license; and

6 (2) maintains the designation only during the period
7 for which the person is licensed to carry a handgun under this
8 subchapter.

9 SECTION 3. Section 411.205, Government Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 411.205. REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY LICENSE. If a license
12 holder is carrying a handgun on or about the license holder's person
13 when a magistrate or a peace officer demands that the license holder
14 display identification, the license holder shall display:

15 (1) either of the following:

16 (A) the license holder's driver's license or
17 commercial driver's license that includes a handgun license
18 designation under Section 521.128 or 522.030, Transportation Code;
19 or

20 (B) both the license holder's driver's license,
21 commercial driver's license, or personal identification
22 certificate issued by the department and the license holder's
23 handgun license; and

24 (2) if the license holder's handgun license bears a
25 protective order designation, a copy of the applicable court order
26 under which the license holder is protected.

27 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,

1 is amended by adding Section 521.128 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 521.128. HANDGUN LICENSE DESIGNATION. The department
3 shall include on each driver's license issued to a person licensed
4 to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government
5 Code, who makes an election under Section 411.1795, Government
6 Code, a designation that shows the person is licensed under that
7 subchapter. The designation must include the person's handgun
8 license number and a statement of the period for which the handgun
9 license is effective.

10 SECTION 5. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is amended
11 by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

12 (e) The department shall include on each commercial
13 driver's license issued to a person licensed to carry a handgun
14 under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, who makes an
15 election under Section 411.1795, Government Code, a designation
16 that shows the person is licensed under that subchapter. The
17 designation must include the person's handgun license number and a
18 statement of the period for which the handgun license is effective.

19 SECTION 6. Not later than December 1, 2025, the Department
20 of Public Safety shall adopt the rules required by Section
21 411.1795, Government Code, as added by this Act.

22 SECTION 7. (a) Section 411.1795, Government Code, as added
23 by this Act, applies only to an applicant for an original,
24 duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun under
25 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act,
26 who submits the application on or after January 1, 2026.

27 (b) The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 521 and

1 522, Transportation Code, apply only to a driver's license or
2 commercial driver's license issued or renewed under Chapter 521 or
3 522, Transportation Code, on or after January 1, 2026.

4 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.