

AN ACT

relating to the recognition of a handgun license issued by another state.

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

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

(b) A valid license to carry a handgun issued by any other state is recognized in this state. The governor shall negotiate ~~[an agreement]~~ with any other state an agreement that provides for the reciprocal recognition ~~[issuance]~~ of a license to carry a handgun if the other state requires such an agreement before recognizing a license to carry a handgun issued by this state ~~[under which a license issued by 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]~~. The department shall publish on its Internet website and annually update a list of states in which a license to carry a handgun issued by this state is recognized.

1 SECTION 2. Sections [411.173](#)(c) and (d), Government Code,
2 are repealed.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 706 passed the Senate on March 19, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 706 passed the House on May 21, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 89, Nays 51, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor