

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 220  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Under current law, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) must disclose whether an individual holds a concealed handgun license to any person submitting a written request and required fee. This system enables potential criminals to determine whether a potential victim is licensed to carry a handgun. C.S.H.B. 220 removes the requirement for the DPS to disclose to any person whether an individual holds a concealed handgun license.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 220 amends Section 411.192 of the Government Code by changing the class of persons to whom the Department of Public Safety must disclose requested information regarding whether a named individual holds a license to carry a concealed handgun. The bill deletes language requiring disclosure to "any other individual," allowing disclosure only to a criminal justice agency. An applicant or license holder may be furnished a copy of disclosable records regarding the applicant or license holder on request and the payment of a reasonable fee.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Upon passage, or, if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 220 modifies the original by removing a private investigator licensed under Chapter 1702 of the Occupations Code as an acceptable recipient of information regarding a concealed handgun license. The substitute provides that information on a person licensed to carry a concealed handgun such as an individual's name, date of birth, gender, race, and zip code is subject to disclosure to a criminal justice agency.