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H.B. No. 685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements that apply to certain armed forces personnel who apply to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1881 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1881. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN PERSONS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a person may not be required to complete the range instruction portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license issued under this subchapter if the person:

(1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged from:

(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or an auxiliary service or reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces; or

(B) the state military forces, as defined by Section 431.001; and

(2) has, within the five years preceding the date of the person's application for an original or renewed license, as applicable, completed a course of training in handgun proficiency or familiarization as part of the person's service with the armed forces or state military forces.

1 (b) The director by rule shall adopt a procedure by which a
2 license holder who is exempt under Subsection (a) from the range
3 instruction portion of the handgun proficiency requirement may
4 submit a form demonstrating the license holder's qualification for
5 an exemption under that subsection. The form must provide
6 sufficient information to allow the department to verify whether
7 the license holder qualifies for the exemption.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.