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H.B. No. 685

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the requirements that apply to certain armed forces  
3 personnel who apply for renewal of a concealed handgun license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 411.185, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subsections (e) and (f) to read as follows:

7 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,  
8 a person may not be required to complete the range instruction  
9 portion of a handgun proficiency course to renew a concealed  
10 handgun license issued under this chapter if the person:

11 (1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged  
12 from the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the  
13 United States or an auxiliary service of one of those branches of  
14 the armed forces; and

15 (2) has, within the five years preceding the date of  
16 application for renewal, completed a course of training in handgun  
17 proficiency or familiarization as part of the person's service with  
18 the armed forces.

19 (f) The director by rule shall adopt a procedure by which a  
20 license holder who is exempt under Subsection (e) from the range  
21 instruction portion of the handgun proficiency requirement may  
22 submit a form demonstrating the license holder's qualification for  
23 an exemption under that subsection. The form must provide  
24 sufficient information to allow the department to verify whether

1 the license holder qualifies for the exemption.

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an  
3 application for renewal of a concealed handgun license submitted to  
4 the Department of Public Safety on or after the effective date of  
5 this Act. An application for renewal that is submitted to the  
6 Department of Public Safety before the effective date of this Act is  
7 covered by the law in effect when the application was submitted, and  
8 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.