

1-1 By: Rose, Berman, Guillen, et al. H.B. No. 685
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 30, 2005;
1-4 April 5, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Criminal Justice; April 11, 2005, rereferred to Committee on
1-6 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 2, 2005, reported
1-7 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 2, 2005, sent
1-8 to printer.)

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to the requirements that apply to certain armed forces
1-12 personnel who apply to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
1-15 amended by adding Section 411.1881 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 411.1881. EXEMPTION FROM INSTRUCTION FOR CERTAIN
1-17 PERSONS. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
1-18 subchapter, a person may not be required to complete the range
1-19 instruction portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain or
1-20 renew a concealed handgun license issued under this subchapter if
1-21 the person:

1-22 (1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged
1-23 from:

1-24 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or
1-25 marine corps of the United States or an auxiliary service or reserve
1-26 unit of one of those branches of the armed forces; or

1-27 (B) the state military forces, as defined by
1-28 Section 431.001; and

1-29 (2) has, within the five years preceding the date of
1-30 the person's application for an original or renewed license, as
1-31 applicable, completed a course of training in handgun proficiency
1-32 or familiarization as part of the person's service with the armed
1-33 forces or state military forces.

1-34 (b) The director by rule shall adopt a procedure by which a
1-35 license holder who is exempt under Subsection (a) from the range
1-36 instruction portion of the handgun proficiency requirement may
1-37 submit a form demonstrating the license holder's qualification for
1-38 an exemption under that subsection. The form must provide
1-39 sufficient information to allow the department to verify whether
1-40 the license holder qualifies for the exemption.

1-41 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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