

AN ACT

relating to allowing certain students to carry a weapon while en route to and from a law enforcement class.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.15(b), Penal Code, as amended by Chapters 1221 and 1261, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, is reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(b) Section 46.02 does not apply to a person who:

(1) is in the actual discharge of official duties as a member of the armed forces or state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code, or as a guard employed by a penal institution;

(2) is on the person's own premises or premises under the person's control unless the person is an employee or agent of the owner of the premises and the person's primary responsibility is to act in the capacity of a security guard to protect persons or property, in which event the person must comply with Subdivision (5);

(3) is traveling;

(4) is engaging in lawful hunting, fishing, or other sporting activity on the immediate premises where the activity is conducted, or is en route between the premises and the actor's residence, if the weapon is a type commonly used in the activity;

(5) holds a security officer commission issued by the

1 Texas [~~Board of Private Investigators and~~] Private Security Board  
2 [~~Agencies~~], if:

3 (A) the person is engaged in the performance of  
4 the person's duties as a security officer or traveling to and from  
5 the person's place of assignment;

6 (B) the person is wearing a distinctive uniform;  
7 and

8 (C) the weapon is in plain view;

9 (6) is carrying a concealed handgun and a valid  
10 license issued under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code  
11 [~~Article 4413(29cc), Revised Statutes~~], to carry a concealed  
12 handgun of the same category as the handgun the person is carrying;

13 (7) holds a security officer commission and a personal  
14 protection officer authorization issued by the Texas [~~Board of~~  
15 ~~Private Investigators and~~] Private Security Board [~~Agencies~~] and  
16 [~~who~~] is providing personal protection under Chapter 1702,  
17 Occupations Code [~~the Private Investigators and Private Security~~  
18 ~~Agencies Act (Article 4413(29bb), Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes)~~];  
19 [~~or~~]

20 (8) holds an alcoholic beverage permit or license or  
21 is an employee of a holder of an alcoholic beverage permit or  
22 license if the person is supervising the operation of the permitted  
23 or licensed premises; or

24 (9) is a student in a law enforcement class engaging in  
25 an activity required as part of the class, if the weapon is a type  
26 commonly used in the activity and the person is:

27 (A) on the immediate premises where the activity

1 is conducted; or

2 (B) en route between those premises and the  
3 person's residence and is carrying the weapon unloaded.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
5 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
6 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
7 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and  
8 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
9 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
10 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense was  
11 committed before that date.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 964 was passed by the House on April 5, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 964 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor