

AN ACT

relating to possession of firearms and ammunition in certain foster homes.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.042, Human Resources Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) The department may not prohibit possession of lawfully permitted firearms and ammunition in a foster home of any type, including a foster group home, a foster home, an agency foster group home, and an agency foster home. Minimum standards may be adopted under this section relating to safety and proper storage of firearms and ammunition, including standards requiring firearms and ammunition to be stored separately in locked locations.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 322 passed the Senate on April 16, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 322 passed the House on May 16, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor