

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4406  
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Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Currently, a person applying for a license to carry a concealed handgun must apply by first obtaining a request for application materials and forwarding it to the Department of Public Safety (DPS). After this request has been received by DPS, the request is reviewed and a determination is made whether the individual is qualified to receive a handgun license; if the applicant is not disqualified, DPS forwards the application materials. Removing the requirement that an individual first obtain a request for application materials would streamline the application process for a concealed handgun license.

H.B. 4406 repeals a provision regarding the request for application materials currently required to receive a concealed handgun license application.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 4406 repeals a provision of the Government Code requiring a person applying for a license to carry a concealed handgun to do so by obtaining a request for application materials from a handgun dealer, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) or any other person or entity approved by DPS and makes conforming changes. The bill authorizes the public safety director's designee, for the purposes of reviewing application materials of a person applying for a license to carry a concealed handgun, to be a noncommissioned employee of DPS and to access any records necessary to verify the accuracy of application materials.

H.B. 4406 repeals Section 411.175, Government Code.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.