

By: Davis of Harris

H.B. No. 3475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the procedures for certain honorably retired peace officers to maintain a license to carry a concealed handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 411.199(a) and (e), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, [~~Chapter 415~~] and who has been employed full-time as a peace officer by a law enforcement agency may apply for a license under this subchapter at any time after retirement.

(e) A retired peace officer who obtains a license under this subchapter must maintain, for the category of weapon licensed, the proficiency required for a peace officer under Section 1701.355, Occupations Code [~~Section 415.035~~]. The department [~~or a local law enforcement agency~~] shall allow a retired peace officer of the department [~~or agency~~] an opportunity to annually demonstrate the required proficiency. A local law enforcement agency shall allow a retired peace officer of the agency, or a retired peace officer who resides in the jurisdiction of the agency, an opportunity to annually demonstrate the required proficiency. The proficiency shall be reported to the department on application and renewal.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.