

AN ACT

relating to certain actions taken by certain licensing authorities regarding a license holder or applicant who has been convicted of a Class C misdemeanor.

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

SECTION 1. Section 53.021, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Subsection (a) does not apply to a person who has been convicted only of an offense punishable as a Class C misdemeanor unless:

(1) the person is an applicant for or the holder of a license that authorizes the person to possess a firearm; and

(2) the offense for which the person was convicted is a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as that term is defined by 18 U.S.C. Section 921.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to an application for, or a disciplinary proceeding regarding, a license or other authorization that is pending with a licensing authority on the effective date of this Act or an application filed or a disciplinary proceeding commenced on or after that date.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 798 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 798 on May 16, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 798 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor