

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 179
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2014; January 27, 2015,
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 1-4 March 16, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 16, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the handgun proficiency required to obtain or renew a
 1-20 concealed handgun license.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 411.188(a), Government Code, is amended
 1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards
 1-25 for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun
 1-26 proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The
 1-27 course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who
 1-28 seeks to obtain or renew a license and must contain training
 1-29 sessions divided into two parts. One part of the course must be
 1-30 classroom instruction and the other part must be range instruction
 1-31 and an actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's
 1-32 ability to safely and proficiently use a handgun. An applicant must
 1-33 be able to demonstrate, at a minimum, the degree of proficiency that
 1-34 is required to effectively operate a handgun of .22 [~~.32~~] caliber or
 1-35 above. The department shall distribute the standards, course
 1-36 requirements, and examinations on request to any qualified handgun
 1-37 instructor.

1-38 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-39 to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a concealed
 1-40 handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An
 1-41 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is
 1-42 governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,
 1-43 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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