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H.B. No. 246

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the notice given by a property owner prohibiting a handgun license holder from carrying a handgun on the property.

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

SECTION 1. Section 30.06(c)(3), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(3) "Written communication" means:

(A) a card or other document on which is:

(i) written language identical to the following: "Pursuant to Section 30.06, Penal Code, Concealed Carry of Handguns Prohibited [~~(trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this property with a concealed handgun]~~"; and

(ii) a pictogram that shows a handgun within a circle and a diagonal line across the handgun; or

(B) a sign posted on the property that:

(i) includes:

(a) the language described by Paragraph (A)(i) [~~(A)~~] in both English and Spanish; and

(b) the pictogram described by Paragraph (A)(ii);

(ii) appears in contrasting colors with block letters at least one inch in height; and

1 (iii) is displayed in a conspicuous manner
2 clearly visible to the public.

3 SECTION 2. Section 30.07(c)(3), Penal Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (3) "Written communication" means:

6 (A) a card or other document on which is:

7 (i) written language identical to the
8 following: "Pursuant to Section 30.07, Penal Code, Open Carry of
9 Handguns Prohibited [~~trespass by license holder with an openly~~
10 ~~carried handgun), a person licensed under Subchapter H, Chapter~~
11 ~~411, Government Code (handgun licensing law), may not enter this~~
12 ~~property with a handgun that is carried openly]"; and~~

13 (ii) a pictogram that shows a handgun
14 within a circle and a diagonal line across the handgun; or

15 (B) a sign posted on the property that:

16 (i) includes:

17 (a) the language described by
18 Paragraph (A)(i) [~~(A)~~] in both English and Spanish; and

19 (b) the pictogram described by
20 Paragraph (A)(ii);

21 (ii) appears in contrasting colors with
22 block letters at least one inch in height; and

23 (iii) is displayed in a conspicuous manner
24 clearly visible to the public at each entrance to the property.

25 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
26 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

27 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
3 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
4 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
5 before that date.

6 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.