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H.B. No. 403

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the handgun proficiency required to obtain or renew a  
3 license to carry a handgun.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 411.188(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards  
8 for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun  
9 proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The  
10 course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who  
11 seeks to obtain a license and must contain training sessions  
12 divided into two parts. One part of the course must be classroom  
13 instruction and the other part must be range instruction and an  
14 actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's ability to  
15 safely and proficiently use a handgun. An applicant must be able to  
16 demonstrate, at a minimum, the degree of proficiency that is  
17 required to effectively operate a handgun [~~of .32 caliber or~~  
18 ~~above~~]. The department shall distribute the standards, course  
19 requirements, and examinations on request to any qualified handgun  
20 instructor.

21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
22 to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun  
23 submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
24 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,  
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.