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S.B. No. 138

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exemption from range instruction for certain persons applying to obtain a license to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.1881(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a person may not be required to complete the range instruction portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain a license issued under this subchapter if the person:

(1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged from:

(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or an auxiliary service or reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces; or

(B) the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001; and

(2) has, within the 10 [~~five~~] years preceding the date of the person's application for the license, completed as part of the person's service with the armed forces or Texas military forces:

(A) a course of training in firearm [~~handgun~~] proficiency or familiarization; or

(B) a range qualification process for firearm

1 usage [~~as part of the person's service with the armed forces or~~
2 ~~Texas military forces~~].

3 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2017, the director of
4 the Department of Public Safety shall adopt the forms and
5 procedures required by Section 411.1881, Government Code, as
6 amended by this Act.

7 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an application to obtain a license to carry a handgun submitted
9 on or after December 1, 2017. An application submitted before
10 December 1, 2017, is governed by the law in effect on the date the
11 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in
12 effect for that purpose.

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