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S.B. No. 264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application made by a county jailer or state
correctional officer to obtain a license to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
amended by adding Sections 411.1993 and 411.1994 to read as
follows:

Sec. 411.1993. COUNTY JAILERS. (a) In this section,
"county jailer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1701.001,
Occupations Code.

(b) A county jailer who holds a county jailer license issued
under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, may apply for a license under
this subchapter.

(c) An applicant under this section who is a county jailer
shall submit to the department:

- (1) the name and job title of the applicant;
- (2) a current copy of the applicant's county jailer
license and evidence of employment as a county jailer; and
- (3) evidence that the applicant has satisfactorily
completed the preparatory training program required under Section
1701.310, Occupations Code, including the demonstration of weapons
proficiency required as part of the training program under Section
1701.307 of that code.

(d) The department may issue a license under this subchapter

1 to an applicant under this section if the applicant complies with
2 Subsection (c) and meets all other requirements of this subchapter,
3 except that the applicant is not required to complete the range
4 instruction part of the handgun proficiency course described by
5 Section 411.188 if the department is satisfied, on the basis of the
6 evidence provided under Subsection (c)(3), that the applicant is
7 proficient in the use of handguns.

8 (e) A license issued to an applicant under this section
9 expires as provided by Section 411.183.

10 Sec. 411.1994. STATE CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS. (a) A
11 correctional officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice
12 may apply for a license under this subchapter.

13 (b) An applicant under this section shall submit to the
14 department:

15 (1) the name and job title of the applicant;

16 (2) evidence of employment as a correctional officer
17 of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; and

18 (3) evidence that the applicant has satisfactorily
19 completed the correctional officer training program offered by the
20 Texas Department of Criminal Justice, including a demonstration of
21 weapons proficiency.

22 (c) The department may issue a license under this subchapter
23 to an applicant under this section if the applicant complies with
24 Subsection (b) and meets all other requirements of this subchapter,
25 except that the applicant is not required to complete the range
26 instruction part of the handgun proficiency course described by
27 Section 411.188 if the department is satisfied, on the basis of the

1 evidence provided under Subsection (b)(3), that the applicant is
2 proficient in the use of handguns.

3 (e) A license issued to an applicant under this section
4 expires as provided by Section 411.183.

5 SECTION 2. Section 411.1952, Government Code, is
6 transferred to Section 411.1994, Government Code, as added by this
7 Act, redesignated as Subsection (d) of that section, and amended to
8 read as follows:

9 (d) An [Sec. 411.1952. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR EMPLOYEES OF
10 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Notwithstanding any other
11 provision of this subchapter, an] applicant under this section must
12 [who is a correctional officer of the Texas Department of Criminal
13 Justice shall] pay a fee of \$25 for the issuance of an original or
14 renewed license under this subchapter.

15 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
16 to a license issued on or after the effective date of this Act.

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