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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application and eligibility for and expiration of a license to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 411.1741(a) and (b), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  When a person applies for an original or renewal license to carry a [~~concealed~~] handgun under this subchapter, the person may make a voluntary contribution in any amount to the fund for veterans' assistance established by Section 434.017.

(b)  The department shall:

(1)  include space on the first page of each application for an original or renewal license to carry a [~~concealed~~] handgun that allows a person applying for an original or renewal license to carry a [~~concealed~~] handgun to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the fund; and

(2)  provide an opportunity for the person to contribute to the fund during the application process for an original or renewal license to carry a [~~concealed~~] handgun on the department's Internet website.

SECTION 2.  The heading to Section 411.181, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.181.  NOTICE OF CHANGE OF INFORMATION; DUPLICATE LICENSE [~~ADDRESS OR NAME~~].

SECTION 3.  Section 411.181, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1)  If a license holder whose license will expire under Section 411.183(a)(1)(B) or (b)(1)(B) is granted an extension for the license holder's lawful presence in the United States as determined by the United States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration in compliance with federal law, the license holder may apply to the department for a duplicate license with an updated expiration date by providing to the department the person's license number and evidence of the extension. The duplicate license must provide for an expiration date, calculated in accordance with Section 411.183(a) or (b), as applicable, that takes into account the extension of the period for which the license holder may be lawfully present in the United States.

SECTION 4.  Sections 411.183(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  A license issued under this subchapter expires on:

(1)  the earlier of:

(A)  the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the fourth anniversary of the date of issuance; or

(B)  the expiration of the license holder's lawful presence in the United States as determined by the United States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration in compliance with federal law; or

(2)  the first anniversary of the date of issuance, if there is no definite expiration date for the applicant's lawful presence in the United States.

(b)  A renewed license expires on:

(1)  the earlier of:

(A)  the license holder's birthdate, five years after the date of the expiration of the previous license; or

(B)  the expiration of the license holder's lawful presence in the United States as determined by the United States agency responsible for citizenship and immigration in compliance with federal law; or

(2)  the first anniversary of the date of renewal, if there is no definite expiration date for the applicant's lawful presence in the United States.

(c)  Except as otherwise provided by Section 411.181(a-1), a [~~A~~] duplicate license expires on the date the license that was duplicated would have expired.

SECTION 5.  The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an application for an original or renewal license to carry a handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 6.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.