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S.B. No. 2320

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing county commissioners who hold a license to
3 carry a handgun to carry the handgun on the premises of a government
4 court or an office utilized by a court and the form of the handgun
5 licenses issued to county commissioners.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 411.179(c), Government Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (c) In adopting the form of the license under Subsection
10 (a), the department shall establish a procedure for the license of a
11 qualified handgun instructor or of the attorney general or a judge,
12 justice, United States attorney, assistant United States attorney,
13 assistant attorney general, prosecuting attorney, ~~or~~ assistant
14 prosecuting attorney, or county commissioner, as described by
15 Section 46.15(a)(4), (6), or (7) or (h), Penal Code, to indicate on
16 the license the license holder's status as a qualified handgun
17 instructor or as the attorney general or a judge, justice, United
18 States attorney, assistant United States attorney, assistant
19 attorney general, district attorney, criminal district attorney,
20 ~~or~~ county attorney, or county commissioner. In establishing the
21 procedure, the department shall require sufficient documentary
22 evidence to establish the license holder's status under this
23 subsection.

24 SECTION 2. Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding

1 Subsection (h) to read as follows:

2 (h) Section 46.03(a)(3) does not apply to a county
3 commissioner who:

4 (1) carries a handgun; and

5 (2) is licensed to carry the handgun under Subchapter
6 H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

7 SECTION 3. Section 411.179(c), Government Code, as amended
8 by this Act, applies only to an applicant for an original,
9 duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun under
10 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act,
11 who submits the application on or after the effective date of this
12 Act.

13 SECTION 4. Section 46.15, Penal Code, as amended by this
14 Act, applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective
15 date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of
16 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was
17 committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that
18 purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed
19 before the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense
20 was committed before that date.

21 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.