

Public Comment for Mass Violence Prevention & Community Safety, Select Committee

Rep. Darby,

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My name is John Overstreet, I am a Texas master peace officer, instructor, firearms instructor, and licensed LTC instructor. Over past couple of years, an issue has come up regarding LTC reciprocity that I and other officers have had issues with on the street.

Currently, Texas recognizes any other states handgun license. This in and of itself is not a problem, however we have run into situations on the street, where we have dealt with individuals who are known to have been denied, or are ineligible to obtain a Texas LTC. They then obtain a non-resident handgun license in another state. This allows them to legally carry a handgun in Texas, even though they are ineligible to under Texas law.

Most other states do not recognize a non-resident weapons license. Some even require you to have a resident license from your state of residence before you can obtain a non-resident from them. For instance, my in-laws all live in Utah. Even though Utah recognizes Texas, I obtained a Utah firearms permit. Utah required me to send them a copy of my Texas LTC before they would issue me their permit. Arizona does not do this.

In the last instance I was part of, a Texas resident who had been denied a Texas LTC, obtained an Arizona CCW and was able to carry here. I would suggest a clause in the law that would require a Texas resident to have a Texas LTC to carry here. Similar to a driver's license. If you become a Texas resident, you have 30 days to obtain a Texas DL. If you lose your Texas DL, and attempt to obtain a Louisiana DL, it will not be valid to drive Texas.

Thank you for your time.



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