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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| S.B. 2247 |
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| Homeland Security & Public Safety |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Although the fees for a handgun license have been decreased in recent years, there have been calls for the state to remove the financial burden of these fees altogether so that more Texans may obtain a handgun license and enjoy the associated benefits, which include reciprocity with other states and additional education about how to carry a handgun safely, responsibly, and legally. S.B. 2247 seeks to remove the fees for an original, modified, renewed, or duplicate handgun license. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  S.B. 2247 amends the Government Code to remove the fees for an original, modified, renewed, or duplicate handgun license, including the fee imposed on a person certified as a qualified handgun instructor or as an approved online course provider and the fee imposed for a nonresident handgun license.  S.B. 2247 amends the Local Government Code to remove the fee for a mental health background check for a handgun license collected by a county clerk.  S.B. 2247 repeals Section 118.0217, Local Government Code, and the following Government Code provisions:   * Sections 411.181(d) and (i); * Section 411.186(d); * Section 411.194; * Section 411.195; * Section 411.1951; * Section 411.1953; * Section 411.1954; * Section 411.199(d); * Section 411.1991(c); * Section 411.1992(d); * Section 411.1993(e); and * Section 411.1994(d). |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2021. |