By:  Hall S.B. No. 1253

(In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; April 12, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; April 12, 2021, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Birdwell                  X

Campbell        X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson          X

Powell          X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses to carry a handgun for purposes of reciprocity with other states.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 411.177, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) For the purpose of reciprocity with other states, the department shall issue a license under this subchapter to each applicant who meets all the eligibility requirements and submits all the application materials, regardless of whether the applicant may legally carry a handgun without a license in this state under Chapter 46, Penal Code, or other state law.

SECTION 2.  Section 411.185, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h)  For the purpose of reciprocity with other states, the department shall renew the license of each license holder who meets all the eligibility requirements to continue to hold a license and who submits all the renewal materials described by Subsection (a), regardless of whether the license holder may legally carry a handgun without a license in this state under Chapter 46, Penal Code, or other state law.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

\* \* \* \* \*