

AN ACT

relating to the carrying of a handgun by a license holder in a motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 46.035(a), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A license holder commits an offense if the license holder carries a handgun on or about the license holder's person under the authority of Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, and intentionally displays the handgun in plain view of another person in a public place. It is an exception to the application of this subsection that the handgun was partially or wholly visible but was:

(1) carried in a shoulder or belt holster by the license holder; or

(2) in a holster, and the handgun and the license holder were in a motor vehicle.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after January 1, 2022. An offense committed before January 1, 2022, is governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this section, an offense was committed before January 1, 2022, if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1407 was passed by the House on April 15, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 97, Nays 47, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1407 was passed by the Senate on May 20, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor