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H.B. No. 2169

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility requirements for a license to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.172(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person is eligible for a license to carry a handgun if the person:

(1) is a legal resident of this state for the six-month period preceding the date of application under this subchapter or is otherwise eligible for a license under Section 411.173(a);

(2) is at least 21 years of age;

(3) has not been convicted of a felony;

(4) is not charged with the commission of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or equivalent offense, or of an offense under Section 42.01, Penal Code, or equivalent offense, or of a felony under an information or indictment;

(5) is not a fugitive from justice for a felony or a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or equivalent offense;

(6) is not a chemically dependent person;

(7) is not incapable of exercising sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage of a handgun;

(8) has not, in the five years preceding the date of application, been convicted of a Class A or Class B misdemeanor or

1 equivalent offense or of an offense under Section [42.01](#), Penal  
2 Code, or equivalent offense;

3 (9) is fully qualified under applicable federal and  
4 state law to purchase a handgun;

5 (10) has not been finally determined to be delinquent  
6 in making a child support payment administered or collected by the  
7 attorney general;

8 (11) ~~[has not been finally determined to be delinquent~~  
9 ~~in the payment of a tax or other money collected by the comptroller,~~  
10 ~~the tax collector of a political subdivision of the state, or any~~  
11 ~~agency or subdivision of the state,~~

12 [~~12~~] is not currently restricted under a court  
13 protective order or subject to a restraining order affecting the  
14 spousal relationship, other than a restraining order solely  
15 affecting property interests;

16 (12) [~~13~~] has not, in the 10 years preceding the  
17 date of application, been adjudicated as having engaged in  
18 delinquent conduct violating a penal law of the grade of felony; and

19 (13) [~~14~~] has not made any material  
20 misrepresentation, or failed to disclose any material fact, in an  
21 application submitted pursuant to Section [411.174](#).

22 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
23 to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun  
24 submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
25 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is  
26 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was  
27 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that

1 purpose.

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