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H.B. No. 3587

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the processing of applications for a license to carry a handgun during a state of disaster or state of emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1851 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1851. LICENSE PROCESSING NOT AFFECTED BY STATE OF EMERGENCY OR STATE OF DISASTER. Notwithstanding a declaration of a state of emergency under Section 433.001, a state of disaster under Section 418.014, or a local state of disaster under Section 418.108, or any other executive order or proclamation related to the disaster or emergency, the department:

(1) may not refuse to accept an application under Section 411.174 for a license to carry a handgun, if the application has been properly completed in accordance with that section;

(2) shall allow the submission of fingerprints under Section 411.175;

(3) shall review application materials in accordance with Section 411.176;

(4) shall issue a license to carry a handgun under Section 411.177 in accordance with that section;

(5) may not deny, revoke, or suspend a license to carry a handgun, except as expressly authorized under this subchapter;

(6) may not refuse to accept or process a notice

1 regarding a change of information or applications for a duplicate  
2 license under Section 411.181; and

3 (7) may not refuse to accept or process an application  
4 to renew a license under Section 411.185, if the application has  
5 been properly completed in accordance with that section.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.