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H.B. No. 4259

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the provision of information regarding firearm violence
and suicide prevention.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.185(d), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(d) Not later than the 60th day before the expiration date
of the license, the department shall mail to each license holder a
written notice of the expiration of the license, a renewal
application form, ~~and~~ the informational form described by
Subsection (c), and the brochure described by Section 411.222(a).

SECTION 2. Section 411.188(b), Government Code, is amended
to read as follows:

(b) Only qualified handgun instructors may administer the
range instruction part of the handgun proficiency course. A
qualified handgun instructor or approved online course provider may
administer the classroom instruction part of the handgun
proficiency course. The classroom instruction part of the course
must include not less than four hours and not more than six hours of
instruction on:

(1) the laws that relate to weapons and to the use of
deadly force;

(2) handgun use and safety, including use of restraint
holsters and methods to ensure the secure carrying of openly

1 carried handguns;

2 (3) nonviolent dispute resolution; ~~and~~

3 (4) proper storage practices for handguns with an
4 emphasis on storage practices that eliminate the possibility of
5 accidental injury to a child; and

6 (5) the information covered in the brochure described
7 by Section 411.222(a).

8 SECTION 3. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by
9 adding Subchapter H-1 to read as follows:

10 SUBCHAPTER H-1. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FIREARM TRANSFERS

11 Sec. 411.221. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "licensed
12 firearms dealer" means a person who is licensed as a firearms dealer
13 under 18 U.S.C. Section 923.

14 Sec. 411.222. FIREARM VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE PREVENTION
15 INFORMATION. (a) The department shall post on the department's
16 Internet website a printable brochure, developed in cooperation
17 with the Health and Human Services Commission, that includes the
18 following firearm violence and suicide prevention information:

19 (1) information regarding:

20 (A) statistics regarding victims of firearm
21 violence;

22 (B) the warning signs that a person is at risk of
23 suicide;

24 (C) suicide prevention; and

25 (D) state agencies that provide mental health and
26 suicide prevention services; and

27 (2) the phone number for the National Suicide

1 Prevention Lifeline.

2 (b) Not later than October 1 of each year, the department
3 shall update the brochure required by Subsection (a).

4 Sec. 411.223. REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FIREARM TRANSFERS.

5 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a licensed firearms
6 dealer may not sell or transfer a firearm to another person unless,
7 at the time of the sale or transfer, the dealer provides a copy of
8 the brochure described by Section 411.222(a) to the person to whom
9 the firearm is being sold or transferred. The dealer may provide
10 the brochure to the transferee in hard copy or electronic form.

11 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to sale or transfer of a
12 firearm if the transferee presents a valid license to carry a
13 handgun issued under Subchapter H.

14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.