

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 825
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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the offense of possessing a weapon in a secured area of
 1-20 an airport.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 46.03(c)(3), Penal Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (3) "Secured area" means an area of an airport
 1-25 terminal building to which access is controlled by the inspection
 1-26 of persons and property under federal law, or an aircraft parking
 1-27 area that is used by common carriers in air transportation but not
 1-28 by general aviation and to which access is controlled under federal
 1-29 law. The term does not include a baggage claim area, a motor
 1-30 vehicle parking area used by passengers, employees, or persons
 1-31 awaiting an arrival, or an area used by the public to pick up or drop
 1-32 off passengers or employees.

1-33 SECTION 2. Section 46.03(e), Penal Code, is amended to read
 1-34 as follows:

1-35 (e) It is a defense to prosecution under Subsection (a)(5)
 1-36 that the actor:

1-37 (1) checked all firearms as baggage in accordance with
 1-38 federal or state law or regulations before entering a secured area;
 1-39 or

1-40 (2) was authorized by a federal agency or the airport
 1-41 operator to possess a firearm in a secured area.

1-42 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-43 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-44 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-45 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-46 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-47 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-48 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-49 before that date.

1-50 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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