By:  Paxton S.B. No. 1216

(In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2023; March 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 22, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; March 22, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia        X

Menéndez        X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini       X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a license to carry a handgun to certain active and retired judicial officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 411.201(a)(1) and (3), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(1)  "Active judicial officer" means:

(A)  a person serving as a judge or justice of the supreme court, the court of criminal appeals, a court of appeals, a district court, a criminal district court, a constitutional county court, a statutory county court, a statutory probate court, a justice court, or a municipal court;

(B)  a federal judge who is a resident of this state; or

(C)  a person appointed and serving as an associate judge under Chapter 201, Family Code.

(3)  "Retired judicial officer" means:

(A)  a visiting judge appointed to serve as the judge of a constitutional county court, a statutory county court, or a statutory probate court [~~under Section 26.023 or 26.024~~];

(B)  a senior judge designated under Section 75.001 or a judicial officer as designated or defined by Section 75.001, 831.001, or 836.001; or

(C)  a retired federal judge who is a resident of this state.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An offense committed before the effective date of this Act 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 the effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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