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H.B. No. 771

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements to obtain a pass for expedited access to the State Capitol.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.0625, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible for a Capitol access pass, a person must meet the eligibility requirements:

(1) applicable to a license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, other than requirements regarding evidence of handgun proficiency; or

(2) established by the department under Subsection (d).

(d) For a person who does not meet the eligibility requirements under Subsection (b)(1) based on a disqualifying criminal conviction, the department shall establish eligibility requirements for a Capitol access pass that include taking into account:

(1) the amount of time that has passed following the criminal conviction; and

(2) evidence of good standing in the community submitted with an application.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.