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S.B. No. 714

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to civil liability of a business in connection with prohibiting concealed handguns on the business premises.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 95A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Section 95A.0002 to read as follows:

Sec. 95A.0002. LIABILITY OF BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH PROHIBITING HANDGUNS. (a) In this section, "license holder" means a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

(b) A person with control over the premises of a business who prohibits entry on the premises by a license holder with a concealed handgun by posting a sign on the premises as described by Section 30.06, Penal Code, is liable for damages arising from a criminal act occurring on the premises.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after the effective date of this Act.

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