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S.B. No. 1216

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

1 this state.

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
4 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
5 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
6 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
7 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
8 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
9 before that date.

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