**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Under current law, a law-abiding handgun license holder who forgets to renew the license by the license's expiration date must undergo the application process for a new handgun license. This process involves complying with all of the requirements applicable to new applicants, including handgun proficiency training, fingerprinting, and identity documentation submissions, all of which are already on file for a renewal applicant. H.B. 668 seeks to prevent this from occurring by establishing a grace period after the expiration of a handgun license during which a license holder can renew the license.

H.B. 668 amends current law relating to the renewal of a license to carry a handgun.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 411.185(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires a handgun license holder, to renew a license, on or before the first anniversary of the date the license expires, to submit certain information to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) by mail or, in accordance with the procedure adopted under Subsection (f) (relating to requiring the director of DPS by rule to adopt a procedure by which a license holder may submit the renewal materials), on the Internet.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies to a handgun license that expires before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2025.