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H.B. No. 1234

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain procedures required for the denial of certain applications for a license to carry a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1765 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1765. NOTICE BASED ON MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATION TO DENY APPLICATION. (a) This section applies only to a recommendation for a denial of an application for an original or renewal license to carry a handgun that:

(1) is made to the department by a medical advisory board panel convened under Section 12.095, Health and Safety Code; and

(2) relates to an applicant's eligibility for a license to carry a handgun as described by Section 411.172(a)(7).

(b) The department may not deny an application for the issuance of an original or renewal license to carry a handgun based on a recommendation to which this section applies, unless the department first provides the applicant with:

(1) a written notice that specifically states the reason underlying the recommendation for denial; and

(2) a period of not less than 30 days in which the applicant may provide additional written materials to the department to supplement or clarify the applicant's application

1 submitted under this subchapter.

2 (c) The department shall forward any materials received in
3 the period described by Subsection (b)(2) to the medical advisory
4 board panel that made the recommendation for denial. After
5 reviewing the additional written materials, each panel member shall
6 submit an additional written report to the department stating the
7 panel member's opinion as to the ability of the applicant to
8 exercise sound judgment with respect to the proper use and storage
9 of a handgun.

10 (d) After the medical advisory board panel submits the
11 additional written reports under Subsection (c), the department
12 shall review the application and determine whether to issue an
13 original or renewal license to carry a handgun or to deny the
14 application.

15 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
16 an application for the issuance of an original or renewal license to
17 carry a handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this
18 Act. An application submitted before the effective date of this Act
19 is governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
20 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
21 purpose.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.