

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 4995  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;  
1-3 May 15, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Hughes	X		
1-9	Paxton	X		
1-10	Bettencourt	X		
1-11	Birdwell	X		
1-12	Hall	X		
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X		
1-14	Middleton	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry		X	
1-17	Schwertner	X		
1-18	Zaffirini	X		

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the carrying of handguns by tactical medical  
1-22 professionals while on duty providing support to tactical units of  
1-23 law enforcement agencies.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 112.001, Civil Practice  
1-26 and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 112.001. CERTAIN ACTIONS OF FIRST RESPONDERS, TACTICAL  
1-28 MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 112.001(a), Civil Practice and Remedies  
1-30 Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

1-31 (3) "Tactical medical professional" has the meaning  
1-32 assigned by Section 411.1884, Government Code.

1-33 SECTION 3. Sections 112.001(b) and (c), Civil Practice and  
1-34 Remedies Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-35 (b) A governmental unit is not liable in a civil action  
1-36 arising from the discharge of a handgun by an individual who is a  
1-37 first responder, tactical medical professional, or volunteer  
1-38 emergency services personnel and licensed to carry the handgun  
1-39 under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

1-40 (c) The discharge of a handgun by an individual who is a  
1-41 first responder, tactical medical professional, or volunteer  
1-42 emergency services personnel and licensed to carry the handgun  
1-43 under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is outside the  
1-44 course and scope of the individual's duties as a first responder,  
1-45 tactical medical professional, or volunteer emergency services  
1-46 personnel, as applicable.

1-47 SECTION 4. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
1-48 amended by adding Section 411.1884 to read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 411.1884. TRAINING COURSE FOR TACTICAL MEDICAL  
1-50 PROFESSIONALS. (a) In this section, "tactical medical  
1-51 professional" means a person who:

1-52 (1) is a physician licensed under Subtitle B, Title 3,  
1-53 Occupations Code, or emergency medical services personnel, as  
1-54 defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and

1-55 (2) is employed or otherwise appointed by the head of a  
1-56 law enforcement agency to provide direct support to a tactical unit  
1-57 of the agency responding to a high-risk incident by providing  
1-58 medical services to victims, officers, and other persons at the  
1-59 incident.

1-60 (b) The director, in consultation with the Texas Commission  
1-61 on Law Enforcement, by rule shall establish minimum standards for

an initial training course that a tactical medical professional who is a license holder may complete to receive a certification of completion from the department under this section. The training course must:

- (1) be administered by a qualified handgun instructor;
- (2) provide classroom training and field instruction in the use of handguns; and
- (3) require physical demonstrations of proficiency in techniques learned in training.

(c) The department, in consultation with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, by rule shall establish minimum standards for an annual continuing education course that is administered by a qualified handgun instructor for a tactical medical professional who has completed the initial training course described by Subsection (b).

(d) The department shall issue a certificate of completion to a tactical medical professional who is a license holder and who completes the initial training course under Subsection (b) or the continuing education course under Subsection (c), as applicable. A certificate of completion expires on the first anniversary of issuance.

(e) A tactical medical professional is responsible for paying to the course provider the costs of a training course under this section.

SECTION 5. Section 30.06, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (f-2) to read as follows:

(f-2) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the license holder is a tactical medical professional, as defined by Section 411.1884, Government Code, who:

- (1) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the applicable conduct; and
- (2) was engaged in the actual discharge of the tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

SECTION 6. Section 30.07, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g-2) to read as follows:

(g-2) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the license holder is a tactical medical professional, as defined by Section 411.1884, Government Code, who:

- (1) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the applicable conduct; and
- (2) was engaged in the actual discharge of the tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

SECTION 7. Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding Subsection (s) to read as follows:

(s) In this subsection, "tactical medical professional" has the meaning assigned by Section 411.1884, Government Code. Sections 46.02 and 46.03 do not apply to a tactical medical professional who:

- (1) was carrying a handgun in a concealed manner or in a shoulder or belt holster;
- (2) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the applicable conduct; and
- (3) was engaged in the actual discharge of the tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

SECTION 8. The public safety director of the Department of Public Safety shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section 411.1884, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than December 1, 2025.

SECTION 9. A qualified handgun instructor may not offer the training course described by Section 411.1884(b), Government Code, as added by this Act, before January 1, 2026.

SECTION 10. Section 112.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that accrues on or after September 1, 2025. A cause of action that accrues before September 1, 2025, is governed by the law in effect immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in

3-1 effect for that purpose.

3-2 SECTION 11. The changes in law made by this Act in amending  
3-3 Sections 30.06, 30.07, and 46.15, Penal Code, apply only to an  
3-4 offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
3-5 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed  
3-6 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the  
3-7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of  
3-8 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of  
3-9 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

3-10 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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