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S.B. No. 691

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the registration of firearms; creating a criminal  
3 offense; authorizing a fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subchapter H-1 to read as follows:

7 SUBCHAPTER H-1. REGISTRATION OF FIREARMS

8 Sec. 411.221. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "firearm"  
9 has the meaning assigned by Section 46.01, Penal Code.

10 Sec. 411.222. RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ADMINISTRATION. (a)  
11 The commission shall adopt rules necessary to implement this  
12 subchapter.

13 (b) The department shall:

14 (1) administer this subchapter and the rules adopted  
15 by the director under this subchapter; and

16 (2) take action necessary to ensure compliance with  
17 this subchapter.

18 Sec. 411.223. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) This  
19 subchapter applies to a person who:

20 (1) is a resident of this state and who on or after  
21 January 1, 2026, acquires a firearm for the purpose of possessing  
22 the firearm in this state; or

23 (2) enters this state on or after January 1, 2026, for  
24 the purpose of residing in this state and who possesses a firearm,

1 regardless of when the person acquired the firearm.

2 (b) A person to whom this subchapter applies shall submit an  
3 application for a certificate of registration for a firearm with  
4 the department on a form prescribed by the department that includes  
5 the information described by Subsection (c) not later than the 30th  
6 day after the date the person:

7 (1) acquires the firearm, if the person is described  
8 by Subsection (a)(1); or

9 (2) enters this state with the firearm, if the person  
10 is described by Subsection (a)(2).

11 (c) The application must include:

12 (1) the owner's:

13 (A) full name and place and date of birth;

14 (B) residence and business addresses; and

15 (C) driver's license number or identification  
16 certificate number issued by the department, or if the owner is a  
17 new resident of this state, information necessary to prove identity  
18 to the satisfaction of the department;

19 (2) the name of the manufacturer of the firearm;

20 (3) the model, type of action, caliber or gauge, and  
21 serial number of the firearm; and

22 (4) the source from which the firearm was obtained,  
23 including the previous owner's name and address.

24 (d) An application for a certificate of registration must be  
25 accompanied by the required registration fee.

26 Sec. 411.224. REGISTRATION FEE. The department shall  
27 charge for issuance of a certificate of registration a reasonable

1 fee in the amount necessary to cover the costs of administering this  
2 subchapter.

3 Sec. 411.225. CHANGE OF INFORMATION. If the information  
4 provided to the department in connection with a certificate of  
5 registration changes, the certificate holder shall notify the  
6 department in the form and manner prescribed by the department not  
7 later than the 30th day after the date the change occurs.

8 Sec. 411.226. CRIMINAL OFFENSE. (a) A person commits an  
9 offense if the person fails to register a firearm in violation of  
10 this subchapter.

11 (b) An offense under Subsection (a) is a Class C  
12 misdemeanor.

13 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2025:

14 (1) the public safety director of the Department of  
15 Public Safety of the State of Texas shall adopt the rules necessary  
16 to implement Subchapter H-1, Chapter 411, Government Code, as added  
17 by this Act; and

18 (2) the department shall create the application form  
19 and the change of information form required by Subchapter H-1,  
20 Chapter 411, Government Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
22 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

23 (b) Section 411.226, Government Code, as added by this Act,  
24 takes effect January 1, 2026.