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S.B. No. 706

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the recognition of a handgun license issued by another
3 state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 411.173(b), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (b) A valid license to carry a handgun issued by any other
8 state is recognized in this state. The governor shall negotiate [~~an~~
9 ~~agreement~~] with any other state an agreement that provides for the
10 reciprocal recognition [issuance] of a license to carry a handgun
11 if the other state requires such an agreement before recognizing a
12 license to carry a handgun issued by this state [under which a
13 ~~license issued by the other state is recognized in this state or~~
14 ~~shall issue a proclamation that a license issued by the other state~~
15 ~~is recognized in this state if the attorney general of the State of~~
16 ~~Texas determines that a background check of each applicant for a~~
17 ~~license issued by that state is initiated by state or local~~
18 ~~authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the~~
19 ~~license is issued. For purposes of this subsection, "background~~
20 ~~check" means a search of the National Crime Information Center~~
21 ~~database and the Interstate Identification Index maintained by the~~
22 ~~Federal Bureau of Investigation].~~ The department shall publish on
23 its Internet website and annually update a list of states in which a
24 license to carry a handgun issued by this state is recognized.

1 SECTION 2. Sections [411.173\(c\)](#) and (d), Government Code,
2 are repealed.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.