AN ACT

relating to a handgun proficiency course that is taken to obtain or renew a concealed handgun license.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 411.185, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To renew a license, a license holder must:

(1) complete a handgun proficiency course under Section 411.188(a) within the six-month period preceding:

(A) the date of application for renewal, for a first or second renewal; and

(B) the date of application for renewal or the date of application for the preceding renewal, for a third or subsequent renewal, to ensure that the license holder is not required to complete the course more than once in any 10-year period; and

(2) submit to the department:

(A) an application for renewal on a form provided by the department;

(B) evidence of handgun proficiency, in the form and manner required by the department;

(C) payment of a nonrefundable renewal fee as set by the department; and
(D) one or more photographs of the applicant that
meet the requirements of the department.

SECTION 2. Subsections (a), (b), and (j), Section 411.188,
Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards
for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun
proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The
course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who
seeks to obtain or renew a license and must contain training
sessions divided into two parts. One part of the course must be
classroom instruction and the other part must be range instruction
and an actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's
ability to safely and proficiently use the applicable category of
handgun. An applicant must be able to demonstrate, at a minimum,
the degree of proficiency that is required to effectively operate a
handgun of .32 caliber or above. The department shall distribute
the standards, course requirements, and examinations on request to
any qualified handgun instructor.

(b) Only [a] qualified handgun instructors [instructor] may
administer the classroom instruction part or the range instruction
part of the [a] handgun proficiency course. The classroom
instruction part of the [handgun proficiency] course must include
not less than four [at least 10] hours and not more than six [15]
hours of instruction on:

(1) the laws that relate to weapons and to the use of
deadly force;

(2) handgun use[proficiency] and safety;
(3) nonviolent dispute resolution; and
(4) proper storage practices for handguns with an
emphasis on storage practices that eliminate the possibility of
accidental injury to a child.

(j) For license holders seeking to renew their licenses, the
department may offer online, or allow a qualified handgun
instructor to offer online, the classroom instruction part of the
handgun proficiency [continuing education instruction] course and
the written section of the proficiency examination [required to
renew a license].

SECTION 3. Subsection (c), Section 411.188, Government
Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a concealed
handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An
application submitted before the effective date of this Act is
governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,
and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
S.B. No. 864

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 864 passed the Senate on April 18, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 9, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 864 passed the House, with amendments, on May 6, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 30, one present not voting.

Robert Perry  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

24 MAY '13

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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