

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, a person may possess a concealed handgun in a church or synagogue. Previously, a person was prohibited from possessing a handgun in a place of worship, until the ban was lifted via legislation in the 75th Legislature. Since that change, many churches and synagogues have expressed dissatisfaction with the requirement that a place of worship, like a business, must post a sign or hand out a card informing a person that the person may not bring a concealed weapon into the church or synagogue. S.B. 826 would revoke Section 56.035(b)(6), Penal Code, to preclude individuals from bringing concealed handguns into a church, synagogue, or other place of worship.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 826 revises the Penal Code by removing text regarding the carrying of a handgun into an established place of worship.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 46.035(i), Penal Code, to delete reference to Subsection (b)(6) in regards to its inapplicability if the acts was not given effective notice under Section 30.06.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.