

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, a person commits an offense if the person intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly carries a handgun in public, even if the person possesses a concealed handgun license. Areas where handguns are prohibited for such individuals include, but are not limited to, the premises of a polling place, government courts, a racetrack, and secured areas of airports. The law exempts certain individuals from these restrictions, however.

H.B. 1503 adds certain assistant district attorneys, assistant criminal district attorneys, and assistant county attorneys to the list of persons who are exempt from these restrictions.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 46.15(a), Penal Code, to provide that Sections 46.02 (Unlawful Carrying Weapons) and 46.03 (Places Weapons Prohibited) do not apply to an assistant district attorney, assistant criminal district attorney, or assistant county attorney who is licensed to carry a concealed handgun under Subchapter H (License to Carry a Concealed Handgun), Chapter 411, Government Code, and is either a felony prosecutor or has at least two years' experience as a prosecutor.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.