

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current law, an applicant for a concealed handgun license must complete a handgun proficiency course and obtain a handgun proficiency certificate as a part of the application requirements. A concealed handgun license expires on the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the fourth anniversary of the date of issuance and every five years thereafter. A license holder must also complete a continuing education course and obtain certification in order to renew the license.

H.B. 1839 requires concealed handgun license holders to take a continuing education course and obtain a handgun proficiency certificate every 10 years, rather than upon every five-year renewal.

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 411.185(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires a concealed handgun license holder, to renew a license, to complete a continuing education course in hand-gun proficiency within the six-month period preceding the date of application renewal, for a first or second renewal, and preceding the date of the 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 no more than once in any 10-year period. Requires a license holder, to renew a license, to obtain a handgun proficiency certificate within the six-month period preceding the date of application renewal, for a first or second renewal, and preceding the date of the 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 no more than once in any 10-year period.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.