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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

It has been noted that recent legislation removed the requirement for driver's license photos to be in color to ensure that the state has adequate flexibility to issue licenses with the highest level of security, durability, and quality. H.B. 4195 seeks to remove that requirement and provide the same flexibility with regard to handgun licenses and pocket cards for registrants under the Private Security Act.

H.B. 4195 amends current law relating to photographs on certain state-issued identification cards.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority previously granted to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas is modified in SECTION 1 (Section 411.179, Government Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 411.179(a), Government Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas by rule to adopt the form of the license to carry a handgun. Requires a license to include:

- (1)–(2) makes no changes to these subdivisions;
- (3) a photograph, rather than a color photograph, of the license holder; and
- (4)–(7) makes no changes to these subdivisions.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1702.232(c), Occupations Code, as follows:

(c) Requires the pocket card of a registrant employed in one of certain regulated professions related to private security to:

- (1) makes no change to this subdivision;
- (2) contain a photograph, rather than a color photograph, affixed to the pocket card by the board at the time the card is issued, and the signature of the registrant; and
- (3)–(4) makes no changes to these subdivisions.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.