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S.B. No. 179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the handgun proficiency required to obtain or renew a  
3 concealed handgun license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 411.188(a), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The director by rule shall establish minimum standards  
8 for handgun proficiency and shall develop a course to teach handgun  
9 proficiency and examinations to measure handgun proficiency. The  
10 course to teach handgun proficiency is required for each person who  
11 seeks to obtain or renew a license and must contain training  
12 sessions divided into two parts. One part of the course must be  
13 classroom instruction and the other part must be range instruction  
14 and an actual demonstration by the applicant of the applicant's  
15 ability to safely and proficiently use a handgun. An applicant must  
16 be able to demonstrate, at a minimum, the degree of proficiency that  
17 is required to effectively operate a handgun of .22 [~~.32~~] caliber or  
18 above. The department shall distribute the standards, course  
19 requirements, and examinations on request to any qualified handgun  
20 instructor.

21 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
22 to an application to obtain or renew a license to carry a concealed  
23 handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An  
24 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted,  
2 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.