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H.B. No. 291

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to limiting the locations in which a license holder may
3 openly carry a handgun; restricting an exception to a criminal
4 offense.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 46.035, Penal Code, is amended by adding
7 Subsection (m) to read as follows:

8 (m) The exception provided by Subsection (a) is not
9 available to a license holder who is carrying the handgun in a
10 shoulder or belt holster in a municipality with a population of more
11 than 1.2 million but less than 1.4 million.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
14 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
15 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
16 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
17 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
18 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
19 before that date.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.