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H.B. No. 606

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the liability of a person who allows handguns to be carried on property owned, controlled, or managed by the person.

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

SECTION 1. Title 4, Civil Practice and Remedies Code, is amended by adding Chapter 95A to read as follows:

CHAPTER 95A. LIMITED LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ALLOW  
HANDGUNS

Sec. 95A.001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "license holder" means a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, or a person with a license to carry a handgun issued by another state and recognized in this state.

Sec. 95A.002. LIMITED LIABILITY FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WHO ALLOW HANDGUNS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person, including a business or other entity, who owns, controls, or manages property and who has authority to forbid the carrying of handguns on the property is immune from civil liability with respect to any claim that is based on the person's failure to exercise the option to forbid the carrying of handguns by a license holder on the property by providing notice under Sections 30.06 and 30.07, Penal Code.

(b) This section does not limit the liability of a person for an injury caused by the person's gross negligence.

SECTION 2. Chapter 95A, Civil Practice and Remedies Code,

1 as added by this Act, does not apply to a cause of action that  
2 accrued before the effective date of this Act. A cause of action  
3 that accrued before the effective date of this Act is governed by  
4 the law applicable to the cause of action immediately before that  
5 date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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