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H.B. No. 781

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of a handgun license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 411.177, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Immediately after the decision is made under Subsection (a) to issue a license to an applicant, the department shall issue to the applicant a temporary license that is valid until the applicant receives the license approved under Subsection (a). A temporary license must be provided in an electronic format and must include all of the information required by Section 411.179, except that the photograph is not required to be in color.

SECTION 2. Section 411.177(b-1), Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an application decision that is made by the Department of Public Safety on or after the effective date of this Act. An application decision that is made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the decision was made, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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