

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 4995
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 14, 2025;
 1-3 May 15, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 25, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 25, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the carrying of handguns by tactical medical
 1-22 professionals while on duty providing support to tactical units of
 1-23 law enforcement agencies.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 112.001, Civil Practice
 1-26 and Remedies Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 112.001. CERTAIN ACTIONS OF FIRST RESPONDERS, TACTICAL
 1-28 MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, AND VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 112.001(a), Civil Practice and Remedies
 1-30 Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

1-31 (3) "Tactical medical professional" has the meaning
 1-32 assigned by Section 411.1884, Government Code.

1-33 SECTION 3. Sections 112.001(b) and (c), Civil Practice and
 1-34 Remedies Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-35 (b) A governmental unit is not liable in a civil action
 1-36 arising from the discharge of a handgun by an individual who is a
 1-37 first responder, tactical medical professional, or volunteer
 1-38 emergency services personnel and licensed to carry the handgun
 1-39 under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

1-40 (c) The discharge of a handgun by an individual who is a
 1-41 first responder, tactical medical professional, or volunteer
 1-42 emergency services personnel and licensed to carry the handgun
 1-43 under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is outside the
 1-44 course and scope of the individual's duties as a first responder,
 1-45 tactical medical professional, or volunteer emergency services
 1-46 personnel, as applicable.

1-47 SECTION 4. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
 1-48 amended by adding Section 411.1884 to read as follows:

1-49 Sec. 411.1884. TRAINING COURSE FOR TACTICAL MEDICAL
 1-50 PROFESSIONALS. (a) In this section, "tactical medical
 1-51 professional" means a person who:

1-52 (1) is a physician licensed under Subtitle B, Title 3,
 1-53 Occupations Code, or emergency medical services personnel, as
 1-54 defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code; and

1-55 (2) is employed or otherwise appointed by the head of a
 1-56 law enforcement agency to provide direct support to a tactical unit
 1-57 of the agency responding to a high-risk incident by providing
 1-58 medical services to victims, officers, and other persons at the
 1-59 incident.

1-60 (b) The director, in consultation with the Texas Commission
 1-61 on Law Enforcement, by rule shall establish minimum standards for

2-1 an initial training course that a tactical medical professional who
2-2 is a license holder may complete to receive a certification of
2-3 completion from the department under this section. The training
2-4 course must:

- 2-5 (1) be administered by a qualified handgun instructor;
- 2-6 (2) provide classroom training and field instruction
2-7 in the use of handguns; and
- 2-8 (3) require physical demonstrations of proficiency in
2-9 techniques learned in training.

2-10 (c) The department, in consultation with the Texas
2-11 Commission on Law Enforcement, by rule shall establish minimum
2-12 standards for an annual continuing education course that is
2-13 administered by a qualified handgun instructor for a tactical
2-14 medical professional who has completed the initial training course
2-15 described by Subsection (b).

2-16 (d) The department shall issue a certificate of completion
2-17 to a tactical medical professional who is a license holder and who
2-18 completes the initial training course under Subsection (b) or the
2-19 continuing education course under Subsection (c), as applicable. A
2-20 certificate of completion expires on the first anniversary of
2-21 issuance.

2-22 (e) A tactical medical professional is responsible for
2-23 paying to the course provider the costs of a training course under
2-24 this section.

2-25 SECTION 5. Section 30.06, Penal Code, is amended by adding
2-26 Subsection (f-2) to read as follows:

2-27 (f-2) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that
2-28 the license holder is a tactical medical professional, as defined
2-29 by Section 411.1884, Government Code, who:

- 2-30 (1) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under
2-31 Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the
2-32 applicable conduct; and
- 2-33 (2) was engaged in the actual discharge of the
2-34 tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

2-35 SECTION 6. Section 30.07, Penal Code, is amended by adding
2-36 Subsection (g-2) to read as follows:

2-37 (g-2) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that
2-38 the license holder is a tactical medical professional, as defined
2-39 by Section 411.1884, Government Code, who:

- 2-40 (1) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under
2-41 Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the
2-42 applicable conduct; and
- 2-43 (2) was engaged in the actual discharge of the
2-44 tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

2-45 SECTION 7. Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding
2-46 Subsection (s) to read as follows:

2-47 (s) In this subsection, "tactical medical professional" has
2-48 the meaning assigned by Section 411.1884, Government Code.
2-49 Sections 46.02 and 46.03 do not apply to a tactical medical
2-50 professional who:

- 2-51 (1) was carrying a handgun in a concealed manner or in
2-52 a shoulder or belt holster;
- 2-53 (2) holds an unexpired certificate of completion under
2-54 Section 411.1884, Government Code, at the time of engaging in the
2-55 applicable conduct; and
- 2-56 (3) was engaged in the actual discharge of the
2-57 tactical medical professional's duties while carrying the handgun.

2-58 SECTION 8. The public safety director of the Department of
2-59 Public Safety shall adopt the rules necessary to implement Section
2-60 411.1884, Government Code, as added by this Act, not later than
2-61 December 1, 2025.

2-62 SECTION 9. A qualified handgun instructor may not offer the
2-63 training course described by Section 411.1884(b), Government Code,
2-64 as added by this Act, before January 1, 2026.

2-65 SECTION 10. Section 112.001, Civil Practice and Remedies
2-66 Code, as amended by this Act, applies only to a cause of action that
2-67 accrues on or after September 1, 2025. A cause of action that
2-68 accrues before September 1, 2025, is governed by the law in effect
2-69 immediately before that date, and the former law is continued in

3-1 effect for that purpose.

3-2 SECTION 11. The changes in law made by this Act in amending
3-3 Sections 30.06, 30.07, and 46.15, Penal Code, apply only to an
3-4 offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act. An
3-5 offense committed before the effective date of this Act is governed
3-6 by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed, and the
3-7 former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of
3-8 this section, an offense was committed before the effective date of
3-9 this Act if any element of the offense occurred before that date.

3-10 SECTION 12. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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