

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 706  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 6, 2025; February 7, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 5, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,  
1-5 Nays 0, one present not voting; March 5, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry	X			
1-17	Schwertner	X			
1-18	Zaffirini				X

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the recognition of a handgun license issued by another  
1-22 state.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 411.173(b), Government Code, is amended  
1-25 to read as follows:

1-26 (b) A valid license to carry a handgun issued by any other  
1-27 state is recognized in this state. The governor shall negotiate [an  
1-28 agreement] with any other state an agreement that provides for the  
1-29 reciprocal recognition [issuance] of a license to carry a handgun  
1-30 if the other state requires such an agreement before recognizing a  
1-31 license to carry a handgun issued by this state [under which a  
1-32 license issued by the other state is recognized in this state or  
1-33 shall issue a proclamation that a license issued by the other state  
1-34 is recognized in this state if the attorney general of the State of  
1-35 Texas determines that a background check of each applicant for a  
1-36 license issued by that state is initiated by state or local  
1-37 authorities or an agent of the state or local authorities before the  
1-38 license is issued. For purposes of this subsection, "background  
1-39 check" means a search of the National Crime Information Center  
1-40 database and the Interstate Identification Index maintained by the  
1-41 Federal Bureau of Investigation]. The department shall publish on  
1-42 its Internet website and annually update a list of states in which a  
1-43 license to carry a handgun issued by this state is recognized.

1-44 SECTION 2. Sections 411.173(c) and (d), Government Code,  
1-45 are repealed.

1-46 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-47 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-48 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-49 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-50 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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