By: Leach H.B. No. 422

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an expiration date extension for a license to carry a handgun following renewal materials submission.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1851 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1851. EXTENSION OF LICENSE EXPIRATION DATE FOLLOWING RENEWAL MATERIALS SUBMISSION. (a) The expiration date of a license is extended to the 90th day after the expiration date as printed on the license if, on or before the 10th day before the printed expiration date, the license holder submits by mail or on the Internet the renewal materials described by Section 411.185(a).

(b) On the license holder's submission of the renewal materials under Subsection (a), the department shall promptly provide to the license holder by mail or electronically, as applicable, a receipt indicating the extended expiration date of the license.

(c) For purposes of Chapters 30 and 46, Penal Code, and the other laws of this state, a person who receives an extension under this section is considered to hold an unexpired license for the additional period permitted under Subsection (a) if the person carries both the receipt described by Subsection (b) and the person's expired license while the person carries a handgun.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

to a handgun license that expires on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.