By: Canales H.B. No. 896

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to adding a designation on a person's driver's license or commercial driver's license indicating that the person is licensed to carry a handgun and the expiration of those licenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 507.001(b), Business & Commerce Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) This section does not affect:

(1) the requirement to display a handgun license under Section 411.205, Government Code[~~, that a person subject to that section present a driver's license or identification certificate in addition to a concealed handgun license~~]; or

(2) the types of identification required under federal law to access airport premises or pass through airport security.

SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.1795 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1795. DESIGNATION ON DRIVER'S LICENSE OR COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE. The department shall adopt rules allowing an applicant for an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license under this subchapter, in addition to being issued an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license, to elect to include on the person's driver's license or commercial driver's license a designation indicating that the person is licensed under this subchapter. The rules must include procedures to ensure that a

person who makes an election under this section receives a designation on the person's driver's license or commercial driver's license only if the person meets the requirements for issuance of the original, duplicate, modified, or renewed handgun license.

SECTION 3. Section 411.205, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.205. REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY LICENSE. If a license holder is carrying a handgun on or about the license holder's person when a magistrate or a peace officer demands that the license holder display identification, the license holder shall display:

(1) either of the following:

(A) the license holder's driver's license or commercial driver's license that includes a handgun license designation under Section 521.128 or 522.030, Transportation Code; or

(B) both the license holder's driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate issued by the department and the license holder's handgun license; and

(2) if the license holder's handgun license bears a protective order designation, a copy of the applicable court order under which the license holder is protected.

SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.128 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.128. HANDGUN LICENSE DESIGNATION. The department shall include on each driver's license issued to a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government

Code, who makes an election under Section 411.1795, Government Code, a designation that shows the person is licensed under that subchapter. The designation must include the person's handgun license number and a statement of the period for which the handgun license is effective.

SECTION 5. Section 521.271(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Each original driver's license, provisional license, learner license, or occupational driver's license issued to an applicant who is a citizen, national, or legal permanent resident of the United States or a refugee or asylee lawfully admitted into the United States expires as follows:

(1) except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 521.2711 and 521.2712, a driver's license expires on the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the eighth anniversary of the date of the application;

(2) a provisional license expires on the 18th birthday of the license holder;

(3) a learner license expires on the 18th birthday of the license holder;

(4) an occupational driver's license expires on the first anniversary of the court order granting the license; and

(5) unless an earlier date is otherwise provided, a driver's license issued to a person whose residence or domicile is a correctional facility or a parole facility expires on the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the first anniversary of the date of issuance.

SECTION 6. Subchapter M, Chapter 521, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 521.2712 to read as follows:

Sec. 521.2712. EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF LICENSE WITH HANDGUN LICENSE DESIGNATION. Each original or renewal driver's license issued to an applicant who elects to include on the person's driver's license a handgun license designation described by Section 521.128 expires on the earlier of:

(1) the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the fourth anniversary of the date of issuance; or

(2) the expiration date of the person's license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

SECTION 7. Section 522.030, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) The department shall include on each commercial driver's license issued to a person licensed to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, who makes an election under Section 411.1795, Government Code, a designation that shows the person is licensed under that subchapter. The designation must include the person's handgun license number and a statement of the period for which the handgun license is effective.

SECTION 8. Sections 522.051(a), (b), (c), (d), (i), (j), (k), and (l), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (f) and (i) and Sections 522.013(e), 522.033, [~~and~~] 522.054, and 522.056, an original commercial driver's license expires eight years after the applicant's next birthday.

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (j) and Sections

[~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire one year or more after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license expires eight years after the applicant's next birthday.

(c) Except as provided by Subsection (k) and Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire less than one year after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license or that has been expired for less than one year expires eight years after the expiration date shown on the Class A, B, C, or M license.

(d) Except as provided by Subsection (l) and Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that has been expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires eight years after the applicant's last birthday.

(i) Except as provided by Subsection (f) and Sections 522.013(e), 522.033, [~~and~~] 522.054, and 522.056, an original commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement expires five years after the applicant's next birthday.

(j) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire one year or more after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license expires five years after the applicant's next birthday.

(k) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that would expire less than one year after the date of issuance of the commercial driver's license or that has been expired for less than one year expires five years after the expiration date shown on the Class A, B, C, or M license.

(l) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement issued to a person holding a Texas Class A, B, C, or M license that has been expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires five years after the applicant's last birthday.

SECTION 9. Sections 522.052(b), (c), (k), and (l), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a renewal of a commercial driver's license that has been expired for less than one year expires eight years after the expiration date shown on the commercial driver's license.

(c) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a renewal of a commercial driver's license that has been expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires seven years after the applicant's last birthday.

(k) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a renewal of a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement that has been expired for less than one year expires five years after the expiration date shown on the

commercial driver's license.

(l) Except as provided by Sections [~~Section~~] 522.054 and 522.056, a renewal of a commercial driver's license with a hazardous materials endorsement that has been expired for at least one year but not more than two years expires five years after the applicant's last birthday.

SECTION 10. Subchapter E, Chapter 522, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 522.056 to read as follows:

Sec. 522.056. EXPIRATION OF LICENSE CONTAINING HANDGUN LICENSE DESIGNATION. Except as provided by Section 522.054, each original or renewal commercial driver's license issued to an applicant who elects to include on the person's driver's license a handgun license designation described by Section 522.030 expires on the earlier of:

(1) the first birthday of the license holder occurring after the fourth anniversary of the date of issuance; or

(2) the expiration date of the person's license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code.

SECTION 11. Not later than December 1, 2027, the Department of Public Safety shall adopt the rules required by Section 411.1795, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 12. (a) Section 411.1795, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an applicant for an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun under Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act, who submits the application on or after January 1, 2028.

(b) The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters 521 and

522, Transportation Code, apply only to a driver's license or commercial driver's license issued or renewed under Chapter 521 or 522, Transportation Code, on or after January 1, 2028.

SECTION 13. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.