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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the expunction of arrest records and files for certain defendants placed on deferred adjudication community supervision for the unlawful carrying of a handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Article 55A.005, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 55A.005. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUN. A person to whom this subchapter applies is entitled to have all records and files relating to the arrest expunged if:

(1) the person was:

(A) tried for and convicted of the offense for which the person was arrested; or

(B) placed on deferred adjudication community supervision under Subchapter C, Chapter 42A, for the offense for which the person was arrested; and

(2) the offense was committed before September 1, 2021, under Section 46.02(a), Penal Code, as that section existed before that date.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.