

SUBJECT: Handgun instructor notation on concealed handgun license ID cards

COMMITTEE: Public Safety — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 9 ayes — Merritt, Frost, Burnam, Driver, P. King, Lewis, Mallory Caraway, Rodriguez, Vo
0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Alice Tripp, Texas State Rifle Association)
Against — None
On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Jan Coffey, Texas Department of Public Safety)

BACKGROUND: Government Code, sec. 411.179(c) permits the Department of Public Safety (DPS), which administers the concealed handgun license program, to adopt rules to allow judges, justices, prosecuting attorneys, or assistant prosecuting attorneys to list their status as judge or prosecutor on their concealed handgun license. It also requires the applicant to provide sufficient documentary evidence to establish this status.

Concealed handgun licenses include a copy of address, personal identification information, and a photograph much like the driver's license and identification cards issued by DPS.

Government Code, sec. 411.181 requires that judges and prosecutors notify DPS of a change of address or a change in status that would require a new concealed handgun license within 30 days or face a possible suspension of the concealed handgun license.

DIGEST: HB 1498 would amend Government Code, sec. 411.179 (c) to allow qualified handgun instructors to list their instructor status on concealed handgun licenses. Qualified handgun instructors would be required to notify DPS within 30 days of changes in their address or status as a

qualified handgun instructor, or face possible suspension of their concealed handgun license.