

1-1 By: Taylor of Collin S.B. No. 138  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 14, 2016; January 25, 2017,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 21, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 21, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the exemption from range instruction for certain  
1-20 persons applying to obtain a license to carry a handgun.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 411.1881(a), Government Code, is amended  
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,  
1-25 a person may not be required to complete the range instruction  
1-26 portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain a license issued  
1-27 under this subchapter if the person:

1-28 (1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged  
1-29 from:

1-30 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or  
1-31 marine corps of the United States or an auxiliary service or reserve  
1-32 unit of one of those branches of the armed forces; or

1-33 (B) the Texas military forces, as defined by  
1-34 Section 437.001; and

1-35 (2) has, within the 10 [~~five~~] years preceding the date  
1-36 of the person's application for the license, completed as part of  
1-37 the person's service with the armed forces or Texas military  
1-38 forces:

1-39 (A) a course of training in firearm [~~handgun~~]  
1-40 proficiency or familiarization; or

1-41 (B) a range qualification process for firearm  
1-42 usage [~~as part of the person's service with the armed forces or~~  
1-43 ~~Texas military forces~~].

1-44 SECTION 2. Not later than December 1, 2017, the director of  
1-45 the Department of Public Safety shall adopt the forms and  
1-46 procedures required by Section 411.1881, Government Code, as  
1-47 amended by this Act.

1-48 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-49 to an application to obtain a license to carry a handgun submitted  
1-50 on or after December 1, 2017. An application submitted before  
1-51 December 1, 2017, is governed by the law in effect on the date the  
1-52 application was submitted, and the former law is continued in  
1-53 effect for that purpose.

1-54 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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