

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3922
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Homeland Security & Public Safety
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised that state law prevents an active judicial officer who has obtained a handgun license from carrying a concealed handgun into an establishment that has a sign posted providing notice that entry on the property with a concealed handgun is prohibited. H.B. 3922 seeks to provide for the safety of such officers by establishing as a defense to prosecution for the offense of trespass by a handgun license holder with a concealed handgun that at the time of the commission of the offense the actor was an active judicial officer.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3922 amends the Penal Code to establish as a defense to prosecution for the offense of trespass by a handgun license holder with a concealed handgun that at the time of the commission of the offense the actor was an active judicial officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.