required handgun proficiency. The department may use a written recommendation submitted under this subsection as the basis for denial of a license only if the department determines that the recommendation is made in good faith and is supported by a preponderance of the evidence. The department shall make a determination under this subsection not later than the 45th day after the date the department receives the written recommendation. The 60-day period in which the department must take action under Section 411.177(b) is extended one day for each day a determination is pending under this subsection.

SECTION 3. Section 411.1881(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, a person may not be required to complete the range instruction portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain a [or renew a concealed handgun] license issued under this subchapter if the person:

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

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

(B) the state military forces, as defined by Section 431.001; and

(2) has, within the five years preceding the date of the person's application for the [an original or renewed] license, completed a course of training in handgun proficiency or familiarization as part of the person's service with the armed forces or state military forces.

SECTION 4. Section 411.201(g), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) A license issued under this section expires as provided by Section 411.183 and, except as otherwise provided by this subsection, may be renewed in accordance with Section 411.185 of this subchapter. An active judicial officer is not required to attend the classroom instruction part of the continuing education proficiency course to renew a license.

SECTION 5. Sections 411.188(c) and (j) and 411.199(e), Government Code, are repealed.

SECTION 6. The director of the Department of Public Safety shall adopt the rules required by Section 411.185, Government Code, as amended by this Act, as soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 7. The change in law made by this Act applies to an application for the renewal of a license to carry a concealed handgun that is submitted to the Department of Public Safety on or after the effective date of this Act, regardless of whether the license was originally issued before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2013: Yeas 141, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1388

H.B. No. 115

AN ACT

relating to identification numbers on vessels.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 31.021(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No person may operate or give permission for the operation of any vessel or may dock, moor, or store a vessel owned by the person on the water of this state unless:

(1) the vessel is numbered as required by this chapter;

(2) the certificate of number awarded to the vessel is in full force and effect; and
(3) the identifying number set forth in the certificate is properly displayed on [each side of the bow of] the vessel as required by this chapter.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 31.032, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

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SECTION 3. Section 31.032, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The owner of a vessel shall paint on or attach to each side of the forward half of the vessel [near the bow] the identification number and a registration [validation] decal in the manner prescribed by the department. The number shall read from left to right and shall be of block characters of good proportion of not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the hull material of the vessel and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible.

(a-1) On a vessel configured so that a number on the hull or superstructure is not easily visible, the number must be painted on or attached to a backing plate that is attached to the forward half of the vessel so that the number is visible from each side of the vessel.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules for the placement of the registration [validation] decal in an alternate location for antique boats. In this subsection, “antique boat” means a boat:

(1) is used primarily for recreational purposes; and
(2) was manufactured 35 or more years before the date the registration [validation] decal is issued.

SECTION 4. Sections 31.033(a) and (b), Parks and Wildlife Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) No person may paint, attach, or otherwise display on the forward half [either side of the bow] of a vessel a number other than the number awarded to the vessel or granted reciprocity under this chapter.

(b) No person may deface or alter the certificate of number or the number assigned to and appearing on [the bow of] a vessel.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 3, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1389

H.B. No. 680

AN ACT
relating to provisions in the dedicatory instruments of property owners' associations regarding display of flags.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 202.001, Property Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (5) to read as follows:

(5) “Front yard” means a yard within a lot having a front building setback line with a setback of not less than 15 feet extending the full width of the lot between the front lot line and the front building setback line.

SECTION 2. Section 202.011, Property Code, as added by Chapter 1028 (H.B. 2779), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

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