CHAPTER 874

H.B. No. 698

AN ACT relating to certain procedures for submitting legible and classifiable fingerprints with an application for a license to carry a concealed handgun.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 411.175 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.175. PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING FINGERPRINTS. The department shall establish procedures for the submission of legible and classifiable fingerprints by an applicant for a license under this subchapter who:

(1) is required to submit those fingerprints to the department, including an applicant under Section 411.199, 411.1991, or 411.201; and

(2) resides in a county having a population of 46,000 or less and does not reside within a 25-mile radius of a facility with the capability to process digital or electronic fingerprints.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for 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.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 5, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 875

H.B. No. 705

AN ACT relating to the definition of emergency services personnel for purposes of the enhanced penalty prescribed for an assault committed against a person providing services in that capacity.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22.01(e)(1), Penal Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) “Emergency services personnel" includes firefighters, emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section 773.003, Health and Safety Code, emergency room personnel, and other individuals who, in the course and scope of employment or as a volunteer, provide services for the benefit of the general public during emergency situations.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 9, 2013: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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