



84th Texas Legislature

Gun Law Changes 2015



HB 554

- *Relating to a defense to prosecution for the offense of possessing or carrying a weapon in or into the secured area of an airport*
- Effective September 1, 2015
- LTCs who carry into the secured area of an airport **may** be given an opportunity to leave the secure area if their gun is discovered.



HB 905

- *Relating to the regulation of knives by a municipality or county*
- Effective September 1, 2015
- Preempts local regulation of knives.



HB 910

- *Relating to the authority of a person who is licensed to carry a handgun to openly carry a holstered handgun; creating criminal offenses*
- Effective January 1, 2016
- Your CHL becomes a License to Carry
- Allows licensed open carry in a belt or shoulder holster



HB 910

- Establishes a "30.07" sign to prohibit only open carry
- 30.06 signs prohibit only concealed carry
- Adds "including use of restraint holsters and methods to ensure the secure carrying of openly carried handguns" to training
- No open carry **anywhere** on colleges.



HB 2739

- *Relating to the use of a handgun carry license as valid proof of personal identification*
- Effective September 1, 2015
- Establishes a Texas LTC as ID with the same validity as a Texas driver's license except for ID while driving
- Display of both LTC and DL is still required when carrying.



SB 11

- *Relating to the carrying of handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education; providing a criminal penalty*
- Effective August 1, 2016 or 2017



SB 11

- LTCs can **concealed** carry on institutions of higher education
- Four year colleges effective August 1, 2016
- Public colleges cannot prohibit licensed carry, but may place limits
- Private schools may prohibit licensed carry
- Two-year colleges effective August 1, 2017.



SB 11

- Colleges must report limits to the Legislature
- Colleges are immune from civil actions, but only where they **don't** opt out of licensed carry.



SB 273

- *Relating to certain offenses relating to carrying licensed handguns on property owned or leased by a governmental entity; providing a civil penalty*
- Effective September 1, 2015
- Establishes penalties for wrongful exclusion of a licensee by government agencies
- LTCs can report violations to the Attorney General, who must take action.



SB 386

- *Relating to school marshals for public junior colleges, notifying a parent or guardian whether an employee of a public junior college is appointed school marshal, and the confidentiality of information submitted to or collected by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in connection with a certification for appointment as school marshal*
- **Effective September 1, 2015**



SB 386

- School marshals may be appointed by public junior colleges
- A parent of a student who inquires in writing will be told whether there is a school marshal appointed at the school
- Increases the protection of the school marshal's personal information.



SB 996

- *Relating to notifying a parent or guardian whether an employee of a school is appointed school marshal and the confidentiality of information submitted to or collected by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement in connection with a certification for appointment as school marshal*
- Effective September 1, 2015



SB 996

- A parent of a student who inquires in writing will be told whether there is a school marshal appointed at the school
- Increases the protection of the school marshal's personal information.



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Any questions?