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PERRY FILES BILL TO ELIMINATE CUMBERSOME CHL REQUIREMENT

LUBBOCK, TX – Today, Senator Charles Perry filed S.B. 179, common sense legislation that reduces the minimum caliber training requirement for concealed handgun licensing testing from .32 to .22 caliber.

“As a strong advocate for Second Amendment rights, I am always looking for ways to simplify handgun licensing and make access easier for all,” said Senator Charles Perry. “This bill allows for individuals looking to carry a smaller caliber weapon the flexibility to practice and test on the weapon they will actually be carrying day-to-day.”

Both the National Rifle Association (NRA) and Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) have expressed their support for this bill.

“Over the years, TSRA has heard complaints regarding law requiring potential CHL licensees to qualify on the range with a .32 caliber handgun or larger,” said Alice Tripp, Legislative Director of the TSRA. “After the handgun license has been issued, the licensee may carry any caliber that he or she wants, including a lighter load such as a .22.”

“There are Texans with hand injuries or who because of age or illness can no longer manage the heavier load -- these folks should be allowed to qualify with the caliber they intend to carry,” continued Tripp. “Senator Perry's bill would make the state-issued license, this important personal protection option, available to more eligible Texans.”

If you have any questions or comments about this bill or any of Senator Perry's legislative agenda, please feel free to contact Travis McCormick at 512-463-0128 or Travis.McCormick@senate.state.tx.us.

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