

- SUBJECT:** Allowing firearm silencers if curio, relic, or complying with federal law
- COMMITTEE:** Criminal Jurisprudence — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Moody, Hunter, Canales, Gervin-Hawkins, Hefner, Lang, Wilson
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Rick Briscoe, Open Carry Texas; David Matheny, Silencer Shop; Michael Cargill, Texans For Accountable Government; Alice Tripp, Texas State Rifle Association; (*Registered, but did not testify:* CJ Grisham, Open Carry Texas; Charles Cotton; William Farrell; Thomas Parkinson)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Danielle King)
- BACKGROUND:** Penal Code, sec. 46.05 makes it an offense to knowingly possess, manufacturer, transport, repair, or sell certain prohibited weapons, unless the item is registered in the National Firearms Registration and Transfer Record maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives or classified as a curio or relic by the U.S. Department of Justice. The prohibited items include firearm silencers. Possession of prohibited silencers is a third-degree felony (two to 10 years in prison and an optional fine of up to \$10,000).
- DIGEST:** CSHB 1819 would allow firearm silencers to be possessed, manufactured, transported, repaired, or sold if they were classified as a curio or relic by the U.S. Department of Justice or if possessed, manufactured, transported, repaired, or sold in compliance with federal law.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.
- NOTES:** A companion bill, SB 842 by Perry, was referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee on February 27.