

AN ACT

relating to a waiver or reduction of concealed handgun license fees for certain members and veterans of the military.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 411.1951, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1951. WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF FEES FOR MEMBERS OR VETERANS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who:

(1) has served in:

(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;

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

(C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces; and

(2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the person served.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, the department shall waive [~~reduce by 50 percent~~] any fee required for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license under this subchapter if the applicant for the license is:

(1) a member of the United States armed forces, including a member of the reserves, national guard, or state guard;

1 or

2 (2) a veteran who, within 365 days preceding the date
3 of the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of
4 service in which the person served.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
6 the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee required for the
7 issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license
8 under this subchapter if the applicant for the license is a veteran
9 who, more than 365 days preceding the date of the application, was
10 honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the
11 person served.

12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 233 was passed by the House on April 4, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 233 was passed by the Senate on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor