

By: Ritter, Howard of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 233

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 233:

By: Corte

C.S.H.B. No. 233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a waiver 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 [~~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 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.