

1-1 By: Ritter, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 233
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2007;
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; April 26, 2007,
1-5 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0;
1-6 April 26, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to a waiver or reduction of concealed handgun license fees
1-10 for certain members and veterans of the military.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 411.1951, Government Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 411.1951. WAIVER OR REDUCTION OF FEES FOR MEMBERS OR
1-15 VETERANS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. (a) In this section,
1-16 "veteran" means a person who:

1-17 (1) has served in:

1-18 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or
1-19 marine corps of the United States;

1-20 (B) the state military forces as defined by
1-21 Section 431.001; or

1-22 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
1-23 of the armed forces; and

1-24 (2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of
1-25 the service in which the person served.

1-26 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-27 the department shall waive [~~reduce by 50 percent~~] any fee required
1-28 for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed
1-29 license under this subchapter if the applicant for the license is:

1-30 (1) a member of the United States armed forces,
1-31 including a member of the reserves, national guard, or state guard;
1-32 or

1-33 (2) a veteran who, within 365 days preceding the date
1-34 of the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of
1-35 service in which the person served.

1-36 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
1-37 the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee required for the
1-38 issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or renewed license
1-39 under this subchapter if the applicant for the license is a veteran
1-40 who, more than 365 days preceding the date of the application, was
1-41 honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the
1-42 person served.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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