

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 627

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the ability of an honorably retired reserve peace
3 officer to carry a weapon.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 46.15, Penal Code, is amended by adding
6 Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) For purposes of Subsection (a)(5), an honorably retired
8 peace officer:

9 (1) is not required to hold a permanent peace officer
10 license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code; and

11 (2) includes an honorably retired reserve peace
12 officer.

13 SECTION 2. Section 1701.357(b), Occupations Code, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 (b) The head of a state or local law enforcement agency may
16 allow an honorably retired peace officer, including an honorably
17 retired reserve peace officer, an opportunity to demonstrate
18 weapons proficiency if the retired officer provides to the agency a
19 sworn affidavit stating that:

20 (1) the officer honorably retired after not less than
21 a total of 15 years of service as a commissioned officer with one or
22 more state or local law enforcement agencies;

23 (2) the officer's license as a commissioned officer
24 was not revoked or suspended for any period during the officer's

1 term of service as a commissioned officer; and

2 (3) the officer has no psychological or physical
3 disability that would interfere with the officer's proper handling
4 of a handgun.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.