BILL ANALYSIS

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties observe that, currently, the fee for a combination hunting and fishing license or license package is waived for members of United States or Texas military forces who are on active duty. Some people have expressed confusion about the meaning of the term active duty. H.B. 1408 seeks to clarify the grounds for the waiver of the fee for such a license or license package and establish the specific types of military identification that qualify a person for the waiver.

H.B. 1408 amends current law relating to combination resident hunting and fishing licenses for military personnel.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 50.001, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Subsection (c-1), as follows:

> (c-1) Requires the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission to waive the fee for a qualified disabled veteran as defined by Section 42.012 (Resident License Fee) or a resident who holds a valid military identification card and is on active duty in the United States military forces or is actively participating in the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, or the Texas State Guard under the rules established by the adjutant general of the state military forces. Provides that for the purposes of this section, a valid military identification card issued by the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, or the Texas State Guard is sufficient to establish residency in this state. Provides that this subsection does not apply to a person who is retired from the military or the dependent of military personnel unless the person otherwise qualifies as provided by this subsection.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2011.