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H.B. No. 485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the amount of the fees paid by certain peace officers,  
3 correctional officers, members of the state military forces, and  
4 veterans of the armed forces for a license to carry a concealed  
5 handgun and to the issuance of such a license to certain peace  
6 officers and members of the state military forces; authorizing a  
7 fee.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 411.1951(c), Government Code, is amended  
10 to read as follows:

11 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,  
12 if the applicant [~~the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee~~  
13 ~~required for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or~~  
14 ~~renewed license under this subchapter if the applicant for the~~  
15 ~~license] is a veteran who, more than 365 days preceding the date of  
16 the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of the  
17 service in which the applicant [~~person~~] served:~~

18 (1) the applicant must pay a fee of \$25 for the  
19 issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter;  
20 and

21 (2) the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee  
22 required of the applicant for a duplicate or modified license under  
23 this subchapter.

24 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is

1 amended by adding Section 411.1952 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 411.1952. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEXAS  
3 DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Notwithstanding any other  
4 provision of this subchapter, an applicant who is a correctional  
5 officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall pay a fee  
6 of \$25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this  
7 subchapter.

8 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 411.1991, Government  
9 Code, is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 411.1991. [~~ACTIVE~~] PEACE OFFICERS.

11 SECTION 4. Section 411.1991(a), Government Code, is amended  
12 to read as follows:

13 (a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under  
14 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and is employed [~~full-time~~] as a  
15 peace officer by a law enforcement agency, or a member of the Texas  
16 military forces, excluding Texas State Guard members who are  
17 serving in the Texas Legislature may apply for a license under this  
18 subchapter. The person shall submit to the department two complete  
19 sets of legible and classifiable fingerprints and a sworn statement  
20 of the head of the law enforcement agency employing the  
21 applicant. A head of a law enforcement agency may not refuse to  
22 issue a statement under this subsection. If the applicant alleges  
23 that the statement is untrue, the department shall investigate the  
24 validity of the statement. The statement must include:

25 (1) the name and rank of the applicant;

26 (2) whether the applicant has been accused of  
27 misconduct at any time during the applicant's period of employment

1 with the agency and the disposition of that accusation;

2 (3) a description of the physical and mental condition  
3 of the applicant;

4 (4) a list of the types of weapons the applicant has  
5 demonstrated proficiency with during the preceding year; and

6 (5) a recommendation from the agency head that a  
7 license be issued to the person under this subchapter.

8 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
9 to an applicant for an original, renewed, duplicate, or modified  
10 license under Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act,  
11 who submits the application on or after the effective date of this  
12 Act.

13 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.