

AN ACT

relating to the amount of the fees paid by certain peace officers, correctional officers, members of the state military forces, and veterans of the armed forces for a license to carry a concealed handgun and to the issuance of such a license to certain peace officers and members of the state military forces; authorizing a fee.

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

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

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, if the applicant [~~the department shall 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 a veteran who, more than 365 days preceding the date of the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of the service in which the applicant [~~person~~] served:

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

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

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 485 was passed by the House on May 6, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 485 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor