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H.B. No. 485

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the amount of the fee paid by certain peace officers and
3 veterans of the United States armed forces for a license to carry a
4 concealed handgun.

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

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 411.1991, Government
22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

24 SECTION 3. Section 411.1991(a), Government Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under
3 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and is employed [~~full-time~~] as a
4 peace officer by a law enforcement agency may apply for a license
5 under this subchapter. The person shall submit to the department
6 two complete sets of legible and classifiable fingerprints and a
7 sworn statement of the head of the law enforcement agency employing
8 the applicant. A head of a law enforcement agency may not refuse to
9 issue a statement under this subsection. If the applicant alleges
10 that the statement is untrue, the department shall investigate the
11 validity of the statement. The statement must include:

- 12 (1) the name and rank of the applicant;
- 13 (2) whether the applicant has been accused of
14 misconduct at any time during the applicant's period of employment
15 with the agency and the disposition of that accusation;
- 16 (3) a description of the physical and mental condition
17 of the applicant;
- 18 (4) a list of the types of weapons the applicant has
19 demonstrated proficiency with during the preceding year; and
- 20 (5) a recommendation from the agency head that a
21 license be issued to the person under this subchapter.

22 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
23 to an applicant for an original, renewed, duplicate, or modified
24 license under Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act,
25 who submits the application on or after the effective date of this
26 Act.

27 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.