

1-1 By: S. Davis of Harris, et al. H.B. No. 485  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Whitmire)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2013;  
 1-4 May 9, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal  
 1-5 Justice; May 14, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-6 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Whitmire	X			
1-9 Huffman	X			
1-10 Carona			X	
1-11 Hinojosa	X			
1-12 Patrick			X	
1-13 Rodriguez	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to the amount of the fees paid by certain peace officers,  
 1-19 correctional officers, members of the state military forces, and  
 1-20 veterans of the armed forces for a license to carry a concealed  
 1-21 handgun and to the issuance of such a license to certain peace  
 1-22 officers and members of the state military forces; authorizing a  
 1-23 fee.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 411.1951(c), Government Code, is amended  
 1-26 to read as follows:

1-27 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,  
 1-28 if the applicant [the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee  
 1-29 required for the issuance of an original, duplicate, modified, or  
 1-30 renewed license under this subchapter if the applicant for the  
 1-31 license] is a veteran who, more than 365 days preceding the date of  
 1-32 the application, was honorably discharged from the branch of the  
 1-33 service in which the applicant [person] served:

1-34 (1) the applicant must pay a fee of \$25 for the  
 1-35 issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter;  
 1-36 and

1-37 (2) the department shall reduce by 50 percent any fee  
 1-38 required of the applicant for a duplicate or modified license under  
 1-39 this subchapter.

1-40 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
 1-41 amended by adding Section 411.1952 to read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 411.1952. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEXAS  
 1-43 DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Notwithstanding any other  
 1-44 provision of this subchapter, an applicant who is a correctional  
 1-45 officer of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice shall pay a fee  
 1-46 of \$25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this  
 1-47 subchapter.

1-48 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 411.1991, Government  
 1-49 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-50 Sec. 411.1991. ~~[ACTIVE]~~ PEACE OFFICERS.

1-51 SECTION 4. Section 411.1991(a), Government Code, is amended  
 1-52 to read as follows:

1-53 (a) A person who is licensed as a peace officer under  
 1-54 Chapter 1701, Occupations Code, and is employed [full-time] as a  
 1-55 peace officer by a law enforcement agency, or a member of the Texas  
 1-56 military forces, excluding Texas State Guard members who are  
 1-57 serving in the Texas Legislature may apply for a license under this  
 1-58 subchapter. The person shall submit to the department two complete  
 1-59 sets of legible and classifiable fingerprints and a sworn statement  
 1-60 of the head of the law enforcement agency employing the  
 1-61 applicant. A head of a law enforcement agency may not refuse to

2-1 issue a statement under this subsection. If the applicant alleges  
2-2 that the statement is untrue, the department shall investigate the  
2-3 validity of the statement. The statement must include:

2-4 (1) the name and rank of the applicant;

2-5 (2) whether the applicant has been accused of  
2-6 misconduct at any time during the applicant's period of employment  
2-7 with the agency and the disposition of that accusation;

2-8 (3) a description of the physical and mental condition  
2-9 of the applicant;

2-10 (4) a list of the types of weapons the applicant has  
2-11 demonstrated proficiency with during the preceding year; and

2-12 (5) a recommendation from the agency head that a  
2-13 license be issued to the person under this subchapter.

2-14 SECTION 5. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
2-15 to an applicant for an original, renewed, duplicate, or modified  
2-16 license under Chapter 411, Government Code, as amended by this Act,  
2-17 who submits the application on or after the effective date of this  
2-18 Act.

2-19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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