

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Interested parties note that Texas recognizes and expresses its appreciation for the sacrifices made by military personnel by providing for discounted fees to access various state services and programs. H.B. 118 seeks to recognize and express Texas' deep appreciation to military personnel for their service.

H.B. 118 amends current law relating to a fee waiver for a combination resident hunting and fishing license for certain 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 50.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Requires the Parks and Wildlife Commission to waive the fee for a combination resident hunting and fishing license 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, 2015.