BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, state correctional officers are eligible for a discount when applying for a concealed handgun license (CHL). The legislature chose to give this discount based on the hazardous conditions of their professions.

Interested parties note that this discount is extended only to state level jailers and excludes their county level counterparts.

S.B. 1547 amends the law to include county correctional officers, who face the same hazards as state correctional officers. This bill would require an applicant who is a county correctional officer to pay a fee of \$25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter.

As proposed, S.B. 1547 amends current law relating to reducing certain fees for a license to carry a concealed handgun for county jailers.

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 Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, as follows:

Sec. 411.1953. REDUCTION OF FEES FOR COUNTY JAILERS. Requires an applicant who is a county jailer as defined by Section 1701.001 (Definitions), Occupations Code, to pay a fee of \$25 for the issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter, notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Provides that the change in law made by this Act applies only to a license issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2015.