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H.B. No. 508

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 508:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to an exemption for certain law enforcement and military
3 personnel from the requirement to complete a hunter education
4 program; authorizing a fee.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 62.014, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
7 amended by amending Subsection (n) and adding Subsection (o) to
8 read as follows:

9 (n) The following persons are exempt from any requirement to
10 complete ~~[the live firing portion of]~~ a hunter education course
11 under this section:

12 (1) an honorably discharged veteran of the United
13 States armed forces who has achieved a basic rifle qualification or
14 higher ~~[+]~~ or

15 ~~[(2)]~~ a person who is on active duty as a member of the
16 United States armed ~~[military]~~ forces and has achieved a basic
17 rifle qualification or higher;

18 ~~(2) [the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air~~
19 ~~National Guard, or the Texas State Guard]~~ a person who is on active
20 duty or has previously served as a member of the Texas Army National
21 Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, or the Texas State Guard and
22 has achieved a basic rifle qualification or higher; or

23 (3) a person who is serving or has previously served as
24 a municipal police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable,

1 deputy constable, marshal, deputy marshal, or member of the Texas
2 Rangers or the Texas Highway Patrol.

3 (o) In addition to any administrative fee collected under
4 Subsection (e), the commission may charge a reasonable fee to cover
5 the administrative costs of processing the application for a
6 license submitted by a person described by Subsection (n). Fees
7 collected under this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of
8 the game, fish, and water safety account.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.