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H.B. No. 508

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) a person who is serving or has previously served as 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).

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