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H.B. No. 3710

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a voluntary contribution to the fund for veterans'
3 assistance when applying for a concealed handgun license.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in
8 the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is
9 composed of:

10 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of
11 the legislature;

12 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

13 (3) the earnings of the fund;

14 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the
15 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the
16 fund under Section 466.408(b);

17 (5) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
18 Section 502.1746, Transportation Code; ~~and~~

19 (6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
20 Section 521.008, Transportation Code; and

21 (7) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
22 Section 411.1741.

23 SECTION 2. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 411.1741 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 411.1741. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS'
2 ASSISTANCE. (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal
3 license to carry a concealed handgun under this subchapter, the
4 person may make a voluntary contribution in any amount to the fund
5 for veterans' assistance established by Section 434.017.

6 (b) The department shall:

7 (1) include space on the first page of each
8 application for an original or renewal license to carry a concealed
9 handgun that allows a person applying for an original or renewal
10 license to carry a concealed handgun to indicate the amount that the
11 person is voluntarily contributing to the fund; and

12 (2) provide an opportunity for the person to
13 contribute to the fund during the application process for an
14 original or renewal license to carry a concealed handgun on the
15 department's Internet website.

16 (c) The department shall send any contribution made under
17 this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to
18 the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance not later than the
19 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the fund, the
20 department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable
21 expenses for administering this section.

22 SECTION 3. As soon as practicable after the effective date
23 of this Act, the Department of Public Safety shall modify the
24 application form for a license to carry a concealed handgun to
25 satisfy the requirement of Section 411.1741, Government Code, as
26 added by this Act.

27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.