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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, Government Code.

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 this subchapter, the person  
4 may make a voluntary contribution in any amount to the fund for  
5 veterans' assistance established by Section 434.017, Government  
6 Code.

7       (b) The department shall:

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

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

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

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

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