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H.B. No. 111

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an educational program and fee reductions to improve  
firearm safety.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter H, Chapter 411, Government Code, is  
amended by adding Sections 411.1954 and 411.210 to read as follows:

Sec. 411.1954. REDUCTION OF FEES: PURCHASE OF SECURE GUN  
STORAGE DEVICE. (a) In this section, "secure gun storage device"  
means a gun safe, gun case, gun cabinet, or other device that is  
designed to be:

(1) used to store a gun; and

(2) unlocked only by use of a key or combination or by  
other similar means.

(b) The department shall reduce any fee required for the  
issuance of an original or renewed license under this subchapter if  
the applicant for the license provides the department with proof  
that a secure gun storage device has been purchased by the applicant  
or on behalf of the applicant.

(c) The amount of the reduction under Subsection (b) is the  
lesser of:

(1) the total amount of the fee the applicant would  
otherwise be required to pay; or

(2) \$40.

Sec. 411.210. FIREARM SAFETY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM. (a) In

1 this section, "licensed firearms dealer" means a person who is  
2 licensed as a firearms dealer under 18 U.S.C. Section 923.

3 (b) The department shall develop and implement an  
4 educational program to encourage firearm safety and to improve  
5 public awareness on the topics of:

6 (1) the availability of secure gun storage solutions,  
7 including secure gun storage devices as defined by Section  
8 411.1954; and

9 (2) the safe handling of firearms.

10 (c) In implementing the program, the department shall  
11 publish a pamphlet on the topics described by Subsection (b). The  
12 pamphlet must be distributed to each licensed firearms dealer in  
13 this state, to be provided by a licensed firearms dealer at the  
14 point of sale or other transfer of a firearm to a person.

15 (d) The department may pay the costs of the program and its  
16 administration only from the proceeds of fees collected under this  
17 subchapter.

18 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act in adding  
19 Section 411.1954, Government Code, applies only to an application  
20 to obtain or renew a license to carry a handgun submitted on or  
21 after the effective date of this Act. An application submitted  
22 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
23 effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is  
24 continued in effect for that purpose.

25 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.