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H.B. No. 2137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application made by certain retired state and federal officers to obtain a license to carry a handgun; waiving a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 411.199(d), (f), and (g), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(d) The department shall waive any fee required ~~[An applicant under this section must pay a fee of \$25]~~ for a license issued under this subchapter to an applicant under this section.

(f) A license issued under this subchapter to an applicant under this section expires as provided by Section 411.183.

(g) A retired officer of the United States who was eligible to carry a firearm in the discharge of the officer's official duties is eligible to apply under this section for a license issued under this subchapter ~~[section]~~. An applicant described by this subsection may submit the application at any time after retirement. The applicant shall submit with the application proper proof of retired status by presenting the following documents prepared by the agency from which the applicant retired:

(1) retirement credentials; and

(2) a letter from the agency head stating the applicant retired in good standing.

SECTION 2. Section 411.199, Government Code, as amended by

1 this Act, applies only to an application for a license to carry a
2 handgun submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An
3 application submitted before the effective date of this Act is
4 governed by the law in effect on the date the application was
5 submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that
6 purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.