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H.B. No. 4522

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 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;

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

(3) ~~(2)~~ 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

(4) ~~(3)~~ a person who is serving or has previously served as a:

(A) municipal police officer;

(B) sheriff or deputy sheriff;

1 (C) constable or deputy constable;

2 (D) marshal or deputy marshal;

3 (E) member of the Texas Rangers; or

4 (F) member of the Texas Highway Patrol [~~peace~~
5 ~~officer described by Subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (4), Article~~
6 ~~2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure~~].

7 (o) In addition to any administrative fee collected under
8 Subsection (e), the commission may charge a reasonable fee to cover
9 the administrative costs of processing the application for a
10 license submitted by a person described by Subsection (n). Fees
11 collected under this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of
12 the game, fish, and water safety account.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.