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TO: Honorable Poncho Nevárez, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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IN RE: **HB3706** by Dean (relating to a license to carry a handgun for active and retired railroad peace officers and for special rangers of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined at this time due to lack of information on the number of peace officers and special cattle rangers to which the provisions of this bill would apply.

The bill would waive any fee required for the issuance of a handgun license for active railroad peace officers and special cattle rangers.

According to the Department of Public Safety, there are currently 101 railroad peace officers and 30 special cattle rangers in Texas, and the number of retired railroad peace officers and special cattle rangers is unknown. According to the Comptroller of Public Accounts, without further data on retired railroad peace officers and special cattle rangers, the fiscal impact cannot be estimated, but given the low number of known applicants subject to the bill's provisions that would apply for a duplicate, modified, or renewed license to carry a handgun, the fiscal impact would likely not be significant.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 405 Department of Public Safety

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