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H.B. No. 3329

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fee waivers for certain hunting and fishing licenses for honorably discharged veterans 65 years old or older.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.012(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The commission may set a lower fee or waive the fee or license requirement for a resident who is under 17 years old, 65 years old or older, or participating in an event that is sponsored or co-sponsored by the department with the approval of the director. The commission shall waive the fee for:

(1) an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed services who is 65 years old or older;

(2) a qualified veteran with a disability; and

(3) [for] a resident on active duty as a member of the United States military forces, the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Air National Guard, or the Texas State Guard.

SECTION 2. Section 46.004(c), Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The commission shall waive the fee for:

(1) an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed services who is 65 years old or older;

(2) a qualified veteran with a disability as defined by Section 42.012; and

1 (3) [~~for~~] a resident on active duty as a member of the
2 United States military forces, the Texas Army National Guard, the
3 Texas Air National Guard, or the Texas State Guard.

4 SECTION 3. Section 50.002, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
5 amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) The commission shall waive the fee for an annual
7 combination hunting and fishing license for an honorably discharged
8 veteran of the United States armed services who is 65 years old or
9 older.

10 SECTION 4. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies
11 only to a fee charged for a hunting or fishing license issued on or
12 after the effective date of this Act.

13 (b) A hunting or fishing license issued before the effective
14 date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the license was
15 issued, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
16 The Parks and Wildlife Department is not required to issue a refund
17 for any license issued before the effective date of this Act.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.