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H.B. No. 2178

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to waiving a Parks and Wildlife Department fee for certain veterans and other military personnel taking the hunter education course.

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

SECTION 1. Section 62.014, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e-1) For purposes of this subsection, "qualified disabled veteran" has the meaning assigned by Section 42.012. The department shall waive the fee authorized under Subsection (e) for a person exempt from completing the live firing portion of a hunter education course under Subsection (n) or a qualified disabled veteran if the exempt person or disabled veteran takes an online version of the hunter education course. A provider of the online course may not collect the fee from an exempt person or a qualified disabled veteran.

SECTION 2. The Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt any rules necessary to implement Section 62.014(e-1), Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, not later than August 1, 2016.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect September 1, 2016.

SECTION 4. Except as provided by Section 3 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39,

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1 Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the
2 vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect
3 September 1, 2015.