

- SUBJECT:** Allowing an honorably retired peace officer to purchase a firearm
- COMMITTEE:** Public Safety — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 9 ayes — Merritt, Frost, Burnam, Driver, P. King, Lewis, Mallory
Caraway, Rodriguez, Vo
0 nays
- WITNESSES:** For — Craig Pardue, Dallas County (*Registered, but did not testify*: Chris Jones, Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas)
Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Local Government Code, ch. 170 governs miscellaneous matters affecting county officers and employees.
Current law does not provide for a retiring peace officer to purchase the firearm the officer used throughout the officer's years of service.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 2523 would allow a county to sell a firearm to an individual if:
- the individual was a peace officer commissioned by the county who was honorably retired;
 - the firearm previously had been issued to the individual by the county; and
 - the firearm was not a prohibited weapon under state law.
- An individual could purchase only one firearm from a county under this provision.
- The county commissioners' court would establish the amount for which a firearm could be purchased, not to exceed fair market value.
- The bill would take effect September 1, 2009.