

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under current Texas law, certain honorably retired peace officers who have been employed at one agency for not less than 10 years and who are eligible for a pension may apply for a concealed handgun permit at a reduced application fee. The definition of “honorably retired” does not take into consideration those peace officers who were forced to retire after less than 10 years of service due to an injury received in the line of duty, or those officers who served in smaller communities that do not offer pensions or annuities for their retired officers. As proposed, H.B. 780 amends the definition of “honorably retired” to include officers who were ineligible to retire only because of an injury sustained during employment and who are not entitled to receive a pension or annuity only because they served in an agency that does not offer pension or annuities for its law enforcement officers.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 411.199(c), Government Code, to redefine “honorably retired.”

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2001.