

1 HB101  
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3 By Representative Lee  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, a retired military  
9 veteran may obtain a pistol permit without paying  
10 the required permit fee if he or she is otherwise  
11 eligible to obtain the permit.

12 This bill would provide that a veteran who  
13 was honorably discharged from military service may  
14 also obtain a pistol permit without paying the  
15 required permit fee.

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17 A BILL  
18 TO BE ENTITLED  
19 AN ACT

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21 Relating to pistol permits; to amend Section  
22 13A-11-75.1, Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended by Act  
23 2016-453, 2016 First Special Session, to provide that a  
24 veteran who was honorably discharged from military service may  
25 obtain a pistol permit without paying the required permit fee.  
26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1           Section 1. Section 13A-11-75.1, Code of Alabama  
2 1975, as last amended by Act 2016-453, 2016 First Special  
3 Session, is amended to read as follows:

4           "§13A-11-75.1.

5           "(a) (1) The words retired military veteran as used  
6 in this section, unless the context clearly requires a  
7 different meaning, means only those persons who are retirees  
8 from active duty in the Army, or the Navy, or the Marine  
9 Corps, or the Air Force, or the Coast Guard of the United  
10 States or any reserve or National Guard component thereof.

11           "(2) The words honorably discharged veteran means  
12 only those individuals who received an honorable discharge  
13 from active duty in the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, the  
14 Air Force, or the Coast Guard of the United States or any  
15 reserve or National Guard component thereof.

16           "(b) Any retired military veteran or honorably  
17 discharged veteran who meets the conditions for issuance of a  
18 pistol permit pursuant to Section 13A-11-75 shall be eligible  
19 to obtain the pistol permit without paying a fee for the  
20 permit. Upon approval of the pistol permit application, the  
21 pistol permit shall be issued by the sheriff of the county in  
22 which the veteran resides upon presentation by the retired  
23 military veteran or honorably discharged veteran of the United  
24 States government issued Veteran Identification Card or a  
25 DD-214 Proof of Military Service form and sufficient proof  
26 that the person is a military retiree or is an honorably  
27 discharged veteran. The retired military veteran or honorably

1 discharged veteran shall apply for renewal as required by law,  
2 but shall be eligible to obtain renewed pistol permits without  
3 paying a fee as long as he or she meets the conditions for  
4 renewal of the permit.

5 "(c) In the event a retired or honorably discharged  
6 veteran, to whom a pistol permit has been issued pursuant to  
7 subsection (b), is suspected of or is charged with any crime,  
8 then the sheriff of the county in which the retired or  
9 honorably discharged veteran resides may revoke the pistol  
10 permit. The sheriff shall notify the retired or honorably  
11 discharged veteran in writing and by registered mail that his  
12 or her pistol permit is revoked. The sheriff shall state the  
13 reasons for the revocation and order the retiree or veteran to  
14 return his or her pistol permit to that sheriff within 30  
15 days. Should the retired or honorably discharged veteran  
16 refuse to return the pistol permit within the 30-day limit and  
17 continue to carry the handgun, he or she shall be guilty of  
18 carrying a weapon without a license or carrying a concealed  
19 weapon, whichever might be the case."

20 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the  
21 first day of the third month following its passage and  
22 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.