The License to Carry a Handgun (LTC) Fee Opposition Act

Special Designation: Act of the Senate

"An Act outlining the Student Government Association's stance on the fee required to obtain a Texas License to Carry a Handgun"

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University Student Government Association is the official voice of the student body, and is the leading voice for conservatives students in the State of Texas; and,

Whereas(2): Texas A&M student body was one of the only student bodies in the State of Texas that supported sensible reforms to campus gun-free zone laws as outlined in Senate Bill 11 of the 84th Texas Legislature; and,
Whereas(3): The student body of Texas A&M will most likely have the most students carrying concealed handguns on campus of any university in the State of Texas; and,

Whereas(4): No Texan should be forced to pay a fee in order to exercise their second amendment rights, regardless of any administrative costs; these costs can be covered by the many taxes Texans pay; and,

Whereas(5): Due to the high cost of education, college students are affected by this fee much more often than other demographic groups. Additionally, college campuses are some of the most targeted areas for mass shootings by the mentally disturbed and morally deprived; and,

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The Texas A&M Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, supports the removal of the $140 fee required to obtain a Texas License to Carry a Handgun; and,

Let it be
Further
Enacted (2): That the following shall be added to Chapter 904 of the Code, creating Article VI:

ARTICLE VI. THE TEXAS LICENSE TO CARRY A HANDGUN (LTC) FEE OPPOSITION ACT

SECTION I. Legislative Intent of this Particular Article
(a) The Student Senate intends this Act to set forth guidelines for establishing advocacy by the Student Government Association for legislation to be passed by the State of Texas that removes the $140 fee required to acquire a Texas License to Carry a Handgun or a program that allows the fee of the same to be waived for full-time students.

SECTION II. Definitions
(a) For the purposes of this Article, the following words shall be ascribed the following meanings:
(1) "Texas License to Carry a Handgun" shall be defined as the license to carry a handgun as outlined in Chapter 46 of the Texas Penal Code

SECTION III. TLC Fee Policy and Proposal
(a) It shall be the official policy of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body of Texas A&M University, to support legislation that would remove the
$140 fee required to obtain a Texas License to Carry a Handgun, especially as it pertains to a student’s ability to acquire this license.

(b) If removing the fee in its entirety is impossible, the Texas A&M Student Government Association shall support any legislation that removes the fee for full-time enrolled students at any institution of higher learning in the State of Texas.

Let it be
Further
Enacted (3): That a copy of this act be sent to:

Governor Greg Abbott, State of Texas
Senator Charles Schwertner, Texas State Senator
Representative Kyle Kacal, Texas House of Representatives
Representative John Raney, Texas House of Representatives
Chancellor John Sharp, Texas A&M University System
Ms. Barbara Cargill, Texas State Board of Education Member
Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University