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S.B. No. 723

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to retired members of the Texas State Guard.

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

SECTION 1. Section 437.309, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 437.309. TEXAS STATE GUARD RETIRED STATUS [~~HONORARY RESERVE~~]. (a) The governor, ~~or~~ adjutant general, or commander of the Texas State Guard, under the governor's authority and direction, shall place on retired status [~~may transfer to the Texas State Guard Honorary Reserve~~] an officer or enlisted service member of the Texas State Guard who, on separation from the Texas State Guard:

(1) is physically disabled as a result of service [~~+~~

~~(2) is at least 60 years of age~~]; or

(2) [~~(3)~~] has served the federal or state military satisfactorily for at least 20 years of combined service, with at least five years of service in the Texas State Guard.

(b) The governor may advance the service member one grade or rank at the time of placement on retired status [~~the transfer into the honorary reserve~~]. For a service member who is not a general officer, the adjutant general may advance the service member one grade or rank at the time of placement on retired status [~~the transfer into the honorary reserve~~].

(c) The commander of the Texas State Guard shall issue an

1 identification card to an officer or service member who is placed on  
2 retired status.

3 SECTION 2. Section 437.308(a), Government Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) The commander of the Texas State Guard shall maintain  
6 and preserve the individual and unit records of the Texas State  
7 Guard and the officers or service members placed on retired status  
8 [~~the Texas State Guard Honorary Reserve~~].

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.