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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the location of and the amount of certain revenue that may be used for state veterans cemeteries.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 164.005(f) and (h), Natural Resources Code, are amended to read as follows:

(f) The board, the chairman of the Texas Veterans Commission, and two representatives of the veterans community selected by the chairman of the Texas Veterans Commission shall:

(1) establish the guidelines for determining:

(A) the location and size of veterans cemeteries; and

(B) the eligibility for burial in a veterans cemetery; and

(2) select ~~up to seven~~ locations across the state for veterans cemeteries.

(h) The board may use ~~[Of the]~~ funds available in the veterans' land fund, the veterans' housing assistance fund, and the veterans' housing assistance fund II that may be used for veterans cemeteries~~[, the board may spend not more than \$7 million each fiscal year]~~ to plan and design, operate, maintain, enlarge, or improve veterans cemeteries. The board may not use funds from the veterans' land fund, the veterans' housing assistance fund, or the veterans' housing assistance fund II to acquire land to be used for

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1 a veterans cemetery.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.