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H.B. No. 165

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to excepting military discharge records from required  
3 public disclosure and providing that only the veteran and the  
4 veteran's immediate family may inspect or obtain copies of the  
5 records.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 552, Government Code, is  
8 amended by adding Section 552.140 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 552.140. MILITARY DISCHARGE RECORDS. (a) A military  
10 veteran's Department of Defense Form DD-214 or other military  
11 discharge record that has been recorded with or that is otherwise in  
12 the possession of a governmental body is excepted from required  
13 public disclosure.

14 (b) A governmental body may allow only the following  
15 persons, on presentation of proper identification, to inspect or  
16 receive a copy of the form or other military discharge record:

17 (1) the veteran who is the subject of the form or  
18 record; or

19 (2) the spouse, the natural or adopted child, or the  
20 parent of the veteran.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.