

1-1 By: Howard, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 174
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 8, 2003, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 8, 2003, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to benefits for members of the state military forces
1-10 called to active state duty.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 431, Government Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Section 431.017 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 431.017. CERTAIN BENEFITS AND PROTECTIONS FOR STATE
1-15 SERVICE. A member of the state military forces who is ordered to
1-16 active state duty by the governor or by other proper authority under
1-17 the law of this state is entitled to the same benefits and
1-18 protections provided:

1-19 (1) to persons performing service in the uniformed
1-20 services by 38 U.S.C. Sections 4301-4313 and 4316-4319, as that law
1-21 existed on April 1, 2003; and

1-22 (2) to persons in the military service of the United
1-23 States by 50 App. U.S.C. Sections 501-536, 560, and 580-594, as that
1-24 law existed on April 1, 2003.

1-25 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to persons serving on
1-26 active state duty on or after the effective date of this Act without
1-27 regard to the date on which the person was initially ordered to
1-28 active state duty.

1-29 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-30 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-31 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-32 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-33 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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