

BILL ANALYSIS

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BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, the child of a person eligible for burial in the Texas State Cemetery may not be buried in the Cemetery unless he/she was a ward of a state charitable institution. This bill changes the requirement, allowing eligibility for burial in the Cemetery for an unmarried child who suffers from a long-standing physical or mental disability that was manifest during either parent's lifetime and made the child dependent upon care from another person, without regard to whether or not this disability resulted in enrollment in an institution.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any new rulemaking authority.

ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 2165.265(f), Government Code, to allow burial in the Texas State Cemetery for the unmarried child of an eligible person who suffers from a long-standing disability which makes the child dependent upon another person for care. The language referring to state-sponsored and state-licensed institutions is removed.

SECTION 2. Gives the effective date of the Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This bill becomes effective immediately if it receives a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Legislature. Otherwise, this bill becomes effective on September 1, 2005.