

AN ACT

relating to the persons who may inspect or obtain a copy of a military discharge record under the public information law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 552.140(c), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) On request and the presentation of proper identification, the following persons may inspect the military discharge record or obtain from the governmental body free of charge a copy or certified copy of the record:

- (1) the veteran who is the subject of the record;
- (2) the legal guardian of the veteran;
- (3) the spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or, if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living relative of the veteran;
- (4) the personal representative of the estate of the veteran;
- (5) the person named by the veteran, or by a person described by Subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power of attorney executed in accordance with Section 490, Chapter XII, Texas Probate Code; ~~or~~
- (6) another governmental body; or
- (7) an authorized representative of the funeral home that assists with the burial of the veteran.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
6 legislative session.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 18 was passed by the House on March 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 18 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor