1-1   By: Corte (Senate Sponsor - Van de Putte)   H.B. No. 18
1-2   (In the Senate - Received from the House March 29, 2005;
1-3   March 30, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4   Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; April 29, 2005,
1-5   reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0;
1-6   April 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-9   relating to the persons who may inspect or obtain a copy of a
1-10 military discharge record under the public information law.
1-11   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12   SECTION 1.   Section 552.140(c), Government Code, is amended
1-13 to read as follows:
1-14   (c) On   request   and   the   presentation   of   proper
1-15 identification, the following persons may inspect the military
1-16 discharge record or obtain from the governmental body free of
1-17 charge a copy or certified copy of the record:
1-18   (1)   the veteran who is the subject of the record;
1-19   (2)   the legal guardian of the veteran;
1-20   (3)   the spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or,
1-21 if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living
1-22 relative of the veteran;
1-23   (4)   the personal representative of the estate of the
1-24 veteran;
1-25   (5)   the person named by the veteran, or by a person
1-26 described by Subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power
1-27 of attorney executed in accordance with Section 490, Chapter XII,
1-28 Texas Probate Code; [or]
1-29   (6)   another governmental body; or
1-30   (7)   an authorized representative of the funeral home
1-31 that assists with the burial of the veteran.
1-32   SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-33 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-34 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-35 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-36 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
1-37 legislative session.

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