

1-1 By: Dawson (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 1318
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2005;
1-3 May 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 19, 2005, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 3, Nays 0; May 19, 2005,
1-6 sent to printer.)

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

1-9 relating to the state providing grave markers for certain members
1-10 of the state military forces.

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 431.0175 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 431.0175. GRAVE MARKERS FOR STATE MILITARY PERSONNEL.

1-15 (a) On the request of a person listed in Subsection (b), the
1-16 adjutant general shall provide a grave marker for a decedent who
1-17 served in the state military forces.

1-18 (b) The following persons may request a grave marker from
1-19 the adjutant general:

1-20 (1) the decedent's spouse;

1-21 (2) the decedent's adult children, if there is no
1-22 spouse;

1-23 (3) the decedent's parents, if there is no spouse or
1-24 adult child;

1-25 (4) the decedent's brothers or sisters, if there is no
1-26 spouse, adult child, or parent; or

1-27 (5) the executor or administrator of the decedent's
1-28 estate, if there is no spouse, adult child, parent, or brother or
1-29 sister.

1-30 (c) A person is not eligible for a grave marker under this
1-31 section if the person is eligible for a grave marker under federal
1-32 law.

1-33 (d) The adjutant general shall model the grave markers after
1-34 the grave markers provided by the federal government.

1-35 (e) The adjutant general shall adopt rules to implement this
1-36 section.

1-37 SECTION 2. Section 431.0175, Government Code, as added by
1-38 this Act, applies only to a member of the state military forces who
1-39 dies on or after September 1, 2005.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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