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S.B. No. 1852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT

relating to consideration of a person's eligibility for a tuition and fee exemption for certain veterans or their family members in determining whether to admit the person into a certificate or degree program of a public institution of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.203, Education Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) In determining whether to admit a person to any certificate program or any baccalaureate, graduate, postgraduate, or professional degree program, an institution of higher education may not consider the fact that the person is eligible for an exemption under this section.

SECTION 2. Subsection (h), Section 54.203, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with admissions to a public institution of higher education for the 2006 spring semester. Admissions to a public institution of higher education before that semester are covered by the law in effect before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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

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1 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.