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S.B. No. 1852

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to consideration of a person's eligibility for a tuition  
3 and fee exemption for certain veterans or their family members in  
4 determining whether to admit the person into a certificate or  
5 degree program of a public institution of higher education.

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.