BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, disabled veterans are exempt from paying the fee to obtain a driver's license, but not from paying the fee for obtaining a personal identification certificate from the Department of Public Safety. Some disabled veterans who need official state identification may not qualify for a driver's license, thereby requiring them to pay the fee for such identification.

As proposed, S.B. 371 exempts an honorably discharged service veteran with a 60 percent disability who receives disability compensation from the federal government from paying the personal identification certificate fee.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 521.426(a), Transportation Code, to add a fee exemption for a personal identification certificate issued to a disabled veteran from the Department of Public Safety.

SECTION 2. Makes application this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2007.