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H.B. No. 1260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain military personnel from certain state and local governmental fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 431, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 431.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 431.039. EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING DEPLOYED. (a) A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is exempt from paying any state or local governmental fee the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's personal affairs.

(b) The adjutant general shall by rule:

(1) identify fees that qualify for the exemption, which must include fees for:

(A) obtaining copies of birth certificates or marriage certificates; and

(B) transferring property titles; and
(2) after consultation with federal authorities, prescribe the manner in which a governmental entity is made aware of the right to an exemption.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.