

By: Martinez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1260  
(In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2007;  
April 17, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; April 27, 2007,  
reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; April 27, 2007, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1260 By: Estes

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 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 the following state or local governmental fees  
the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's  
personal affairs:

(1) fees for obtaining copies of:

(A) a birth certificate;

(B) a recorded marriage license;

(C) a divorce decree;

(D) a child support order;

(E) guardianship documents; and

(F) property tax records;

(2) fees for issuing a marriage license or duplicate  
marriage license; and

(3) fees for transferring title to real or personal  
property.

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

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