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S.B. No. 1390

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to rental of a vehicle to a member of the armed forces;
3 providing a civil penalty.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce
6 Code, is amended by adding Section 35.64 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 35.64. RENTAL OF VEHICLE TO MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES.

8 (a) In this section, "vehicle rental company" means a person whose
9 primary business is renting private passenger vehicles to the
10 public for 30 days or less.

11 (b) A vehicle rental company may not refuse to rent a
12 private passenger vehicle to a person because of the person's age if
13 the person presents a valid military identification card indicating
14 that the person is a member of the United States armed forces or a
15 member of the Texas state military forces as defined by Section
16 431.001, Government Code.

17 (c) A vehicle rental company that violates this section is
18 liable to the state for a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for
19 each violation. The attorney general or the prosecuting attorney
20 in the county in which a violation occurs may bring suit to recover
21 the civil penalty imposed under this subsection.

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