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S.B. No. 1390

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 35, Business & Commerce
Code, is amended by adding Section 35.63 to read as follows:

Sec. 35.63. RENTAL OF VEHICLE TO MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES.

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

(b) A vehicle rental company may not refuse to rent a
private passenger vehicle to a person because of the person's age or
because the person does not present a credit card or debit card if
the person presents a valid military identification card indicating
that the person is a member of the United States armed forces.

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

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