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H.B. No. 2689

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.1746 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.1746. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO VETERANS' ASSISTANCE FUND. (a) When a person registers a motor vehicle under this chapter, the person is entitled to make a voluntary contribution in any amount to the fund for veterans' assistance established by Section 434.017, Government Code, as amended by Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007.

(b) The county assessor-collector shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance before the 31st day after the date the contribution is made.

SECTION 2. Section 434.017, Government Code, as redesignated and amended by Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is composed of:

1 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of
2 the legislature;

3 (2) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
4 Section 502.1746, Transportation Code;

5 (3) gifts, ~~and~~ grants, and donations contributed to
6 the fund; and

7 (4) [~~3~~] the earnings of the fund.

8 (g) Notwithstanding other law, for purposes of Subchapter
9 I, Chapter 659:

10 (1) the fund is considered an eligible charitable
11 organization entitled to participate in a state employee charitable
12 campaign under Subchapter I, Chapter 659; and

13 (2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a
14 deduction for contributions to the fund as a charitable
15 contribution under Section 659.132, and the Texas Veterans
16 Commission may use the contributions for the purposes listed in
17 Subsection (c).

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.