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H.B. No. 4623

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 434.017(c) and (e), Government Code, as redesignated and amended by Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107), Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007, are amended to read as follows:

(c) Money in the fund may be appropriated to the Texas Veterans Commission to:

(1) enhance or improve veterans' assistance programs, including veterans' representation and counseling; ~~and~~

(2) make grants to ~~[local communities to]~~ address veterans' needs; and

(3) administer the fund.

(e) To carry out any purpose of this chapter, the Texas Veterans Commission may accept a gift, grant, devise, bequest of money, security, service, or property, including money raised or a service provided by a volunteer or volunteer group, to promote the work of the commission. The commission may participate in the establishment and operation of an affiliated nonprofit organization that is established for the purpose of raising money for or providing services or other benefits to the commission ~~[The comptroller may solicit and accept gifts and grants to the fund. A gift or grant to the fund may be appropriated in the same manner as~~

1 ~~other money in the fund, subject to any limitation or requirement~~
2 ~~placed on the gift or grant by the donor or granting entity].~~

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.