

By: Van de Putte

S.B. No. 1940

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to charitable contributions by state employees to the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

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

(b) Except as provided by Subsection [~~Subsections~~] (c) [~~and (e)~~], money in the fund may not be appropriated for any purpose.

(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) The Texas Veterans Commission [~~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 other money in the fund, subject to any limitation or requirement placed on the gift or grant by the donor or granting entity.~~]

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 434, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 434.0171 to read as follows:

Sec. 434.0171. STATE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FUND FOR

1 VETERANS' ASSISTANCE. For purposes of Subchapter I, Chapter 659:

2 (1) the Texas Veterans Commission, for the sole
3 purpose of managing the fund for veterans' assistance, is
4 considered an eligible charitable organization entitled to
5 participate in the state employee charitable campaign; and

6 (2) a state employee is entitled to authorize a
7 deduction for contributions to the Texas Veterans Commission for
8 the purposes of managing the fund for veterans' assistance as a
9 charitable contribution under Section 659.132, and the Texas
10 Veterans Commission may use the contributions for the purposes
11 listed in Section 434.017(c), as added by Chapter 1418 (H.B. 3107),
12 Acts of the 80th Legislature, Regular Session, 2007.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.