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H.B. No. 72

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain military personnel from motor vehicle registration fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 431.039, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 431.039. EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING DEPLOYED. A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is exempt from paying the following state or local governmental fees the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's personal affairs:

(1) fees for obtaining copies of:

- (A) a birth certificate;
- (B) a recorded marriage license;
- (C) a divorce decree;
- (D) a child support order;
- (E) guardianship documents; and
- (F) property tax records;

(2) fees for issuing a marriage license or duplicate marriage license; ~~and~~

(3) fees for transferring title to real or personal

1 property; and

2 (4) fees for vehicle registration or renewal of
3 vehicle registration, including the renewal fee for a vehicle
4 issued specialty or personalized license plates and any additional
5 or optional fee authorized or imposed by Chapter 502,
6 Transportation Code.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.