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H.B. No. 347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the eligibility of certain members of the Texas State  
3 Guard or Texas National Guard for burial in the state cemetery.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 2165.256(d), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (d) Persons eligible for burial in the State Cemetery are:

8 (1) a former member of the legislature or a member who  
9 dies in office;

10 (2) a former elective state official or an elective  
11 state official who dies in office;

12 (3) a former state official or a state official who  
13 dies in office who has been appointed by the governor and confirmed  
14 by the senate and who served at least 12 years in the office to which  
15 appointed;

16 (4) a person specified by a governor's proclamation,  
17 subject to review and approval by the committee under Subsection  
18 (e);

19 (5) a person specified by a concurrent resolution  
20 adopted by the legislature, subject to review and approval by the  
21 committee under Subsection (e); ~~and~~

22 (6) a person specified by order of the committee under  
23 Subsection (e); and

24 (7) a person who:

1                   (A) served as a member of the Texas State Guard or  
2 Texas National Guard for at least five years before the person's  
3 death; or

4                   (B) died as a result of an injury sustained while  
5 serving on active duty as a member of the Texas State Guard or Texas  
6 National Guard.

7           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.