

By: Fletcher

H.B. No. 1172

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1172:

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C.S.H.B. No. 1172

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(c), Government Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

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

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

10 (2) make grants to address veterans' needs, including
11 expenses for medical care, health care, housing, travel, and items
12 or services to improve the veterans' morale and welfare; and

13 (3) administer the fund.

14 SECTION 2. Sections 434.017(a) and (e), Government Code, as
15 amended by Chapters 840 (S.B. 1940) and 1385 (S.B. 1655), Acts of
16 the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, are reenacted and
17 amended to read as follows:

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

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

23 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

24 (3) the earnings of the fund; [~~and~~]

1 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the
2 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the
3 fund under Section 466.408(b); and

4 (5) [~~(2)~~] money deposited to the credit of the fund
5 under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code.

6 (e) To carry out any purpose of this chapter, the commission
7 [~~Texas Veterans Commission~~] may solicit, [~~and~~] accept, or refuse a
8 gift, grant, devise, bequest of money, security, service, or
9 property, including money raised or a service provided by a
10 volunteer or volunteer group, to promote the work of the commission
11 for any purpose related to the fund for veterans' assistance. The
12 commission may participate in the establishment and operation of an
13 affiliated nonprofit organization that is established for the
14 purpose of raising money for or providing services or other
15 benefits to the commission. A gift, grant, devise, or bequest to the
16 fund may be appropriated in the same manner as other money in the
17 fund, subject to the purposes provided by Subsection (c) and any
18 limitation or requirement placed on the gift, grant, devise, or
19 bequest by the donor or granting entity.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.