By: Munoz, Jr. H.B. No. 2242

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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- 2 relating to the meaning of "disabled" for purposes of eligibility
- 3 for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of or a limitation of ad
- 4 valorem taxes on the residence homestead of a disabled person.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 11.13(m)(1), Tax Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:

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- 8 (1) "Disabled" means:
- 9 (A) under a disability for purposes of payment of
- 10 disability insurance benefits under Federal Old-Age, Survivors,
- 11 and Disability Insurance; or
- 12 (B) diagnosed by a physician with cancer,
- 13 <u>diabetes</u>, multiple sclerosis, or epilepsy.
- 14 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
- 15 for a tax year beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012, but only
- 17 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 82nd Legislature,
- 18 Regular Session, 2011, authorizing the legislature to define
- 19 "disabled" for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from ad
- 20 valorem taxation of or a limitation of ad valorem taxes on the
- 21 residence homestead of a disabled person is approved by the voters.
- 22 If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no
- 23 effect.