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H.B. No. 3179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to contributions to the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, as amended
5 by Chapters 840 (S.B. 1940) and 1385 (S.B. 1655), Acts of the 81st
6 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in
9 the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is
10 composed of:

11 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of
12 the legislature;

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

14 (3) the earnings of the fund; ~~and~~

15 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the
16 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the
17 fund under Section 466.408(b); and

18 (5) ~~(2)~~ money deposited to the credit of the fund
19 under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code.

20 SECTION 2. Section 502.1746, Transportation Code, is
21 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c), (d),
22 and (e) to read as follows:

23 (b) The county assessor-collector shall send any
24 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit

1 in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans'
2 assistance before the 31st day after the date the contribution is
3 made. A contribution made under this section may be used only for
4 the purposes of the fund for veterans' assistance.

5 (c) The department shall:

6 (1) include space on each motor vehicle registration
7 renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for
8 registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration
9 to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing
10 to the fund for veterans' assistance;

11 (2) provide an opportunity to contribute to the fund
12 for veterans' assistance similar to the opportunity described by
13 Subsection (a) and in the manner described by Subdivision (1) in any
14 registration renewal system that succeeds the system in place on
15 September 1, 2011; and

16 (3) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute
17 to the fund for veterans' assistance during the registration
18 renewal process on the department's Internet website.

19 (d) If a person makes a contribution under this section and
20 does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county
21 assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution
22 to the person's registration fee.

23 (e) The department shall consult with the Texas Veterans
24 Commission in performing the department's duties under this
25 section.

26 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section
27 502.1746, Transportation Code, applies only to a motor vehicle

1 registration renewal notice issued for a registration that expires
2 on or after January 1, 2012.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.