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H.B. No. 3179

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to contributions to the fund for veterans' assistance.

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

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

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

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

(2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

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

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

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

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

(b) The county assessor-collector shall send any 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 in each motor vehicle registration  
7 renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for  
8 registration renewal, for a person renewing a registration to state  
9 the amount the person is voluntarily contributing to the fund for  
10 veterans' assistance;

11 (2) provide a method for making a contribution under  
12 this section to owners applying for renewal of the registration of a  
13 motor vehicle using the department's website.

14 (d) The department shall consult with the Texas Veterans  
15 Commission in performing the department's duties under Subsection  
16 (c).

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