

1-1 By: Farias, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Davis) H.B. No. 3179  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2011;  
1-3 May 5, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran  
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 12, 2011, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 12, 2011,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to contributions to the fund for veterans' assistance.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, as amended  
1-12 by Chapters 840 (S.B. 1940) and 1385 (S.B. 1655), Acts of the 81st  
1-13 Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended to  
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 (a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in  
1-16 the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is  
1-17 composed of:

1-18 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of  
1-19 the legislature;

1-20 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

1-21 (3) the earnings of the fund; ~~and~~

1-22 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the  
1-23 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the  
1-24 fund under Section 466.408(b); and

1-25 (5) ~~(2)~~ money deposited to the credit of the fund  
1-26 under Section 502.1746, Transportation Code.

1-27 SECTION 2. Section 502.1746, Transportation Code, is  
1-28 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c), (d),  
1-29 and (e) to read as follows:

1-30 (b) The county assessor-collector shall send any  
1-31 contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit  
1-32 in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans'  
1-33 assistance before the 31st day after the date the contribution is  
1-34 made. A contribution made under this section may be used only for  
1-35 the purposes of the fund for veterans' assistance.

1-36 (c) The department shall:

1-37 (1) include space on each motor vehicle registration  
1-38 renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for  
1-39 registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration  
1-40 to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing  
1-41 to the fund for veterans' assistance;

1-42 (2) provide an opportunity to contribute to the fund  
1-43 for veterans' assistance similar to the opportunity described by  
1-44 Subsection (a) and in the manner described by Subdivision (1) in any  
1-45 registration renewal system that succeeds the system in place on  
1-46 September 1, 2011; and

1-47 (3) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute  
1-48 to the fund for veterans' assistance during the registration  
1-49 renewal process on the department's Internet website.

1-50 (d) If a person makes a contribution under this section and  
1-51 does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county  
1-52 assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution  
1-53 to the person's registration fee.

1-54 (e) The department shall consult with the Texas Veterans  
1-55 Commission in performing the department's duties under this  
1-56 section.

1-57 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
1-58 502.1746, Transportation Code, applies only to a motor vehicle  
1-59 registration renewal notice issued for a registration that expires  
1-60 on or after January 1, 2012.

1-61 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-62 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-63 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-64 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2-1 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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