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H.B. No. 3720

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the transfer of housing funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to the Texas Veterans Commission.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2306.202(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2306.202. USE OF HOUSING TRUST FUND. (a) The department, through the housing finance division, shall use the housing trust fund to provide loans, grants, or other comparable forms of assistance to local units of government, public housing authorities, nonprofit organizations, and income-eligible individuals, families, and households to finance, acquire, rehabilitate, and develop decent, safe, and sanitary housing. In each biennium the first \$2.6 million available through the housing trust fund for loans, grants, or other comparable forms of assistance shall be set aside and made available exclusively for local units of government, public housing authorities, and nonprofit organizations; the next \$4 million in each biennium shall transfer to the Texas Veterans Commission for the Veterans Housing Assistance Program. Any additional funds may also be made available to for-profit organizations provided that at least 45 percent of available funds, as determined on September 1 of each state fiscal year, in excess of the first \$2.6 million shall be made available to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of acquiring,

1 rehabilitating, and developing decent, safe, and sanitary housing.
2 The remaining portion shall be distributed to nonprofit
3 organizations, for-profit organizations, and other eligible
4 entities. Notwithstanding any other section of this chapter, but
5 subject to the limitations in Section 2306.251(c), the department
6 may also use the fund to acquire property to endow the fund.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.