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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

1-10 relating to contributions to the fund for veterans' assistance. 1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 434.017, 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:
- money transferred to the fund at the direction of (1)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,
- amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:
- (b) The county assessor-collector shall send any contribution made under this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance before the 31st day after the date the contribution is made. A contribution made under this section may be used only for the purposes of the fund for veterans' assistance.

The department shall:

- (1) include space on each motor vehicle registration renewal notice, on the page that states the total fee for registration renewal, that allows a person renewing a registration to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily contributing to the fund for veterans' assistance;
- (2) provide an opportunity to contribute to the fund for veterans' assistance similar to the opportunity described by Subsection (a) and in the manner described by Subdivision (1) in any registration renewal system that succeeds the system in place on September 1, 2011; and
- (3) provide an opportunity for a person to contribute to the fund for veterans' assistance during the registration renewal process on the department's Internet website.
- (d) If a person makes a contribution under this section and does not pay the full amount of a registration fee, the county assessor-collector may credit all or a portion of the contribution
- the person's registration fee.
 (e) The department shall 1-54 1-55 consult with the Texas Veterans 1-56 Commission in performing the department's duties under this 1-57 section.
 - SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act to Section 502.1746, Transportation Code, applies only to a motor vehicle registration renewal notice issued for a registration that expires
- on or after January 1, 2012.
 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

C.S.S.B. No. 1635 2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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