

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1660
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2011; March 23, 2011, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and
1-4 Military Installations; April 11, 2011, reported adversely, with
1-5 favorable Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays
1-6 0; April 11, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1660 By: Estes

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to certain unclaimed property of veterans and veterans'
1-11 families.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 434.007, Government Code, is amended to
1-14 read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 434.007. DUTIES. The commission shall:

1-16 (1) compile federal, state, and local laws enacted to
1-17 benefit members of the armed forces, veterans, and their families
1-18 and dependents;

1-19 (2) collect information relating to services and
1-20 facilities available to veterans;

1-21 (3) cooperate with veterans service agencies in the
1-22 state;

1-23 (4) inform members and veterans of the armed forces,
1-24 their families and dependents, and military and civilian
1-25 authorities about the existence or availability of:

1-26 (A) educational training and retraining
1-27 facilities;

1-28 (B) health, medical, rehabilitation, and housing
1-29 services and facilities;

1-30 (C) employment and reemployment services;

1-31 (D) provisions of federal, state, and local law
1-32 affording rights, privileges, and benefits to members and veterans
1-33 of the armed forces and their families and dependents; and

1-34 (E) other similar, related, or appropriate
1-35 matters;

1-36 (5) assist veterans and their families and dependents
1-37 in presenting, proving, and establishing claims, privileges,
1-38 rights, and benefits they may have under federal, state, or local
1-39 law;

1-40 (6) cooperate with all government and private agencies
1-41 securing services or benefits to veterans and their families and
1-42 dependents;

1-43 (7) investigate, and if possible correct, abuses or
1-44 exploitation of veterans or their families or dependents, and
1-45 recommend necessary legislation for full correction;

1-46 (8) coordinate the services and activities of state
1-47 departments and divisions having services and resources affecting
1-48 veterans or their families or dependents;

1-49 (9) provide training and certification of veterans
1-50 county service officers and assistant veterans county service
1-51 officers in accordance with Section 434.038; ~~and~~

1-52 (10) through surveys or other reasonable and accurate
1-53 methods of estimation, collect and maintain for each county in the
1-54 state the number of servicemembers and veterans residing in the
1-55 county and annually update and publish the information on the
1-56 commission's website; and

1-57 (11) with the assistance and cooperation of the
1-58 comptroller, inform and assist veterans and their families and
1-59 dependents with respect to discovering and initiating claims for
1-60 unclaimed property held by the United States Department of Veterans
1-61 Affairs.

1-62 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-63 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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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