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S.B. No. 557

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a voluntary contribution to the fund for veterans'
3 assistance when applying for a driver's license or personal
4 identification certificate.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

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

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

13 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

14 (3) the earnings of the fund;

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

18 (5) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
19 Section 502.1746, Transportation Code; and

20 (6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
21 Section 521.008, Transportation Code.

22 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
23 is amended by adding Section 521.008 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 521.008. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS'

1 ASSISTANCE. (a) When a person applies for an original or renewal
2 driver's license or personal identification certificate under this
3 chapter, the person may make a voluntary contribution in any amount
4 to the fund for veterans' assistance established by Section
5 434.017, Government Code.

6 (b) The department shall:

7 (1) include space on the first page of each
8 application for an original or renewal driver's license or personal
9 identification certificate that allows a person applying for an
10 original or renewal driver's license or personal identification
11 certificate to indicate the amount that the person is voluntarily
12 contributing to the fund; and

13 (2) provide an opportunity for the person to
14 contribute to the fund during the application process for an
15 original or renewal driver's license or personal identification
16 certificate on the department's Internet website.

17 (c) The department shall send any contribution made under
18 this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to
19 the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance not later than the
20 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the fund, the
21 department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable
22 expenses for administering this section.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.