

AN ACT

relating to a voluntary donation to the fund for veterans' assistance when applying for a hunting or fishing license.

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

SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is 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:

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

(2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

(3) the earnings of the fund;

(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);

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

(6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 521.008, Transportation Code; and

(7) money deposited to the credit of the fund under Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife Code, is amended by adding Section 12.007 to read as follows:

1       Sec. 12.007. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS'  
2 ASSISTANCE. (a) In this section, "veterans fund" means the fund for  
3 veterans' assistance established under Section 434.017, Government  
4 Code.

5       (b) When a person applies for a hunting or fishing license  
6 of any type, including a combination hunting and fishing license,  
7 under this code, the person may make a voluntary contribution of \$1,  
8 \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund.

9       (c) The department shall:

10       (1) include space on the first page of each  
11 application for a hunting or fishing license that allows a person  
12 applying for the license to indicate that the person is voluntarily  
13 contributing \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund; and

14       (2) provide an opportunity for the person to  
15 contribute \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund during the  
16 application process for a hunting or fishing license on the  
17 department's Internet website.

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

24       SECTION 3. (a) To implement Section 12.007, Parks and  
25 Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, the Parks and Wildlife  
26 Commission shall adopt rules as needed and the Parks and Wildlife  
27 Department shall develop procedures to implement that section not

1 later than August 1, 2016.

2 (b) The Parks and Wildlife Department may consult with the  
3 Department of Public Safety for assistance in developing procedures  
4 to implement Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by  
5 this Act.

6 SECTION 4. Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as  
7 added by this Act, applies only to a license purchased on or after  
8 September 1, 2016.

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1584 was passed by the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1584 was passed by the Senate on May 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor