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S.B. No. 840

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to watercraft and certain trailer registration fees for
3 veterans with disabilities.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 31.026, Parks and Wildlife Code, is
6 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), each ~~[Each]~~
9 application for an original or renewal certificate of number for a
10 vessel shall be accompanied by a two-year fee determined by the
11 following classification schedule or determined in the same
12 classifications by the commission, whichever amount is more:

13 Class	Description of Vessel	Fee
14 Class A	less than 16 feet in length	\$12
15 Class 1	16 feet or over and less than 26 feet 16 in length	\$18
17 Class 2	26 feet or over and less than 40 feet 18 in length	\$24
19 Class 3	40 feet or more in length	\$30

20 (d) The two-year fee for a vessel owned by a qualified
21 disabled veteran as defined by Section 42.012 is \$3.

22 SECTION 2. Section 502.254, Transportation Code, is amended
23 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
24 follows:

1 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the [The] fee for
2 a registration year for registration of a trailer, travel trailer,
3 or semitrailer with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or less is
4 \$45.00.

5 (c) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
6 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of
7 6,000 pounds or less is \$3 if:

8 (1) the trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer is
9 owned by a veteran of the United States armed forces and the
10 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer is registered for the
11 veteran's own use;

12 (2) the veteran has suffered, as a result of military
13 service:

14 (A) at least a 60 percent service-connected
15 disability; or

16 (B) a loss of use of a lower extremity; and

17 (3) the veteran receives compensation from the United
18 States because of the disability.

19 SECTION 3. (a) Section 31.026, Parks and Wildlife Code, as
20 amended by this Act, applies only to a fee charged for a vessel's
21 certificate of number issued or renewed on or after the effective
22 date of this Act.

23 (b) Section 502.254, Transportation Code, as amended by
24 this Act, applies only to a registration year that begins on or
25 after the effective date of this Act.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.