By: Bell, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2017; May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran 1-1 1-2 1-3 Affairs & Border Security; May 18, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 18, 2017, sent to printer.) 1-4 1-5

1-7 Yea Absent PNV Nav 1-8 Campbell Х Х 1-9 Huffines 1-10 1-11 Buckingham Х Х Hall 1-12 Lucio Х Rodríguez 1-13 Х Х 1-14 Uresti

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled 1-17 1**-**18 1-19 veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if 1-20 the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the 1-21 1-22 1-23 residence homestead.

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

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 11.132(b), Tax Code, is amended to read 1-25 as follows:

1-26 (b) A disabled veteran who has a disability rating of less than 100 percent is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a percentage of the appraised value of the disabled veteran's residence homestead equal to the disabled veteran's disability 1-27 1-28 1-29 1-30 rating if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled 1-31 veteran by a charitable organization: 1-32

(1) at no cost to the disabled veteran; or

(2) 1 - 33at some cost to the disabled veteran in the form of a cash payment, a mortgage, or both in an aggregate amount that is 1-34 not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the market value of the residence homestead made by the charitable organization as of the date the donation is made. SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed 1-35 1-36 1-37

1-38 1-39 for an ad valorem tax year that begins on or after the effective date of this Act. 1-40

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018, but only if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, authorizing the legislature to provide for 1-41 1-42 1-43 an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of 1-44 the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence 1-45 1-46 1-47 1-48 homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas 1-49 1-50 Constitution is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not approved by the voters, this Act has no effect. 1-51

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