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S.B. No. 240

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the
3 appraised value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled
4 veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if
5 the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a
6 charitable organization for less than the market value of the
7 residence homestead.

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

9 SECTION 1. Section 11.132(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
10 as follows:

11 (b) A disabled veteran who has a disability rating of less
12 than 100 percent is entitled to an exemption from taxation of a
13 percentage of the appraised value of the disabled veteran's
14 residence homestead equal to the disabled veteran's disability
15 rating if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled
16 veteran by a charitable organization:

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

18 (2) at some cost to the disabled veteran in the form of
19 a cash payment, a mortgage, or both in an aggregate amount that is
20 not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the market
21 value of the residence homestead made by the charitable
22 organization as of the date the donation is made.

23 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to ad valorem taxes imposed
24 for an ad valorem tax year that begins on or after the effective

1 date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2018, but only
3 if the constitutional amendment proposed by the 85th Legislature,
4 Regular Session, 2017, authorizing the legislature to provide for
5 an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of
6 the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the
7 surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence
8 homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable
9 organization for less than the market value of the residence
10 homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas
11 Constitution is approved by the voters. If that amendment is not
12 approved by the voters, this Act has no effect.