

1-1 By: Lucio S.B. No. 1677
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 22, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border
 1-4 Security; April 24, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;
 1-6 April 24, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1677 By: Lucio

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to information about services for women veterans provided
 1-20 through certain state agency applications.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 434, Government Code, is
 1-23 amended by adding Section 434.212 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 434.212. APPLICATION FOR STATE AGENCY PROGRAMS,
 1-25 SERVICES, OR ASSISTANCE. (a) This section applies to a state
 1-26 agency in the executive branch of state government, including a
 1-27 health and human services agency, that provides to adult women in
 1-28 this state a program, a service, or assistance, including the
 1-29 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, the supplemental
 1-30 nutrition assistance program, the women's health program,
 1-31 Medicaid, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women,
 1-32 Infants, and Children, and a housing program or service or housing
 1-33 assistance.

1-34 (b) A state agency shall include in each application for a
 1-35 program, a service, or assistance provided by the agency to adult
 1-36 women:

1-37 (1) a space to indicate whether the applicant is a
 1-38 veteran; and

1-39 (2) model language informing the applicant that she
 1-40 may be entitled to additional services because of her veteran
 1-41 status.

1-42 (c) The commission shall develop the model language
 1-43 required on an application under Subsection (b)(2). The language
 1-44 must include a link to the veterans website established under
 1-45 Section 434.102 or, for an online application, a hyperlink to that
 1-46 website.

1-47 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than December 1, 2017, the Texas
 1-48 Veterans Commission shall develop the model application language
 1-49 required by Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act,
 1-50 and post that information on the commission's Internet website.

1-51 (b) Not later than March 1, 2018, each state agency subject
 1-52 to Section 434.212, Government Code, as added by this Act, shall
 1-53 modify the agency's application for programs, services, or
 1-54 assistance as necessary to implement that section.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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