By: Thierry H.B. No. 675

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to a study and report on the establishment and
- 3 implementation of a program that provides financial assistance to
- 4 property owners who offer housing to veterans at risk of
- 5 homelessness.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. (a) The comptroller of public accounts shall
- 8 conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility, methods, and costs of
- 9 establishing and implementing a program that provides financial
- 10 assistance to property owners who offer housing to veterans at risk
- 11 of homelessness.
- 12 (b) In conducting the study, the comptroller shall:
- 13 (1) evaluate and identify any sources of funding that
- 14 might be available to cover the probable cost of the program;
- 15 (2) evaluate methods that have been implemented by
- 16 other states to provide a similar program; and
- 17 (3) identify the state agency or agencies that could
- 18 most efficiently implement and administer the program.
- 19 (c) Not later than September 1, 2020, the comptroller shall
- 20 submit to the legislature a written report on the results of the
- 21 study and any recommendations for legislative or other action.
- 22 (d) This Act expires September 1, 2021.
- 23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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- 1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 3 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.