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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to applicability to military service members of minimum age policies imposed by commercial lodging establishments.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 114 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 114. MINIMUM AGE POLICIES OF COMMERCIAL LODGING ESTABLISHMENTS

Sec. 114.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commercial lodging establishment" means a hotel, motel, inn, or similar entity that offers lodging to the public in exchange for compensation.

(2) "Military service member" means a member of:

(A) the armed forces of the United States;

(B) the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state serving on active duty under an order of the president of the United States;

(C) a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty under an order of the president of the United States; or

(D) the Texas military forces serving on state active duty.

Sec. 114.002. MINIMUM AGE POLICY FOR LODGING WAIVED FOR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS. A commercial lodging establishment that

1 imposes a minimum age policy that denies or restricts lodging to
2 individuals based on age shall waive that policy for a military
3 service member who:

4 (1) seeks to obtain lodging at the establishment; and

5 (2) presents a valid military identification card.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.