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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of certain organizations that benefit veterans during certain 3 declared states of disaster. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 5 6 SECTION 1. Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to read as follows: 7 Sec. 418.012. EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter, 8 9 the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders, 10 proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law. 11 12 (b) An executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued by the governor under this chapter during a pandemic that restricts 13 14 the operation of or the hours of operation for a business that sells alcoholic beverages may not include an organization exempt from 15 federal taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 16

17 <u>1986</u>, as an organization described by Section 501(c)(19) of that 18 code, that benefits veterans of the United States armed forces.

19 SECTION 2. Section 418.012, Government Code, as amended by 20 this Act, applies only to a declaration of a state of disaster 21 issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A 22 declaration issued before the effective date of this Act is 23 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date 24 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
last day of the legislative session.