

1-1 By: Raymond (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 558  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023;  
 1-3 May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 15, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of  
 1-22 certain organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state  
 1-23 of disaster.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to  
 1-26 read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 418.012. EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter,  
 1-28 the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and  
 1-29 regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders,  
 1-30 proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law.

1-31 (b) An executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued  
 1-32 by the governor under this chapter that restricts the operation of  
 1-33 or the hours of operation for a business that sells alcoholic  
 1-34 beverages may not include an organization exempt from federal  
 1-35 taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an  
 1-36 organization described by Section 501(c)(19) of that code, that  
 1-37 benefits veterans of the United States armed forces.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 418.012, Government Code, as amended by  
 1-39 this Act, applies only to a declaration of a state of disaster  
 1-40 issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A  
 1-41 declaration issued before the effective date of this Act is  
 1-42 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date  
 1-43 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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