

1-1 By: Herrero (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1315  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 5, 2023;  
1-3 April 12, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation; May 1, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 1, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	Nichols	X		
1-10	West	X		
1-11	Alvarado	X		
1-12	Eckhardt	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	King	X		
1-15	Miles	X		
1-16	Parker	X		
1-17	Perry	X		

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1315 By: West

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of the open burn pit registry fund and the  
1-22 issuance of specialty license plates to honor members of the United  
1-23 States armed forces exposed to open burn pits.

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

1-25 SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the Le Roy and Rosie  
1-26 Torres Act.

1-27 SECTION 2. Chapter 99, Health and Safety Code, is amended by  
1-28 adding Section 99.008 to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 99.008. OPEN BURN PIT REGISTRY FUND. (a) The open  
1-30 burn pit registry fund is a special fund in the state treasury  
1-31 outside the general revenue fund. The fund is composed of:

1-32 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of  
1-33 the legislature;

1-34 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

1-35 (3) the earnings of the fund; and

1-36 (4) money deposited to the credit of the fund under  
1-37 Section 504.679, Transportation Code.

1-38 (b) Money in the fund may be appropriated only to the  
1-39 department. The department may use the money only for the creation  
1-40 and maintenance of the open burn pit registry established under  
1-41 Section 99.003, except that the department may use the money for any  
1-42 other purpose of the department consistent with legislative  
1-43 appropriation of the money if the department finds that the  
1-44 registry is adequately funded and contributions to the fund exceed  
1-45 the amount necessary for the registry to be adequately funded.

1-46 SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
1-47 is amended by adding Section 504.679 to read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 504.679. VETERANS EXPOSED TO OPEN BURN PITS. (a) The  
1-49 department shall issue specialty license plates to honor members of  
1-50 the United States armed forces who were exposed to open burn pits  
1-51 during their military service. The license plates must include:

1-52 (1) the words "Burn Pits 360 Veterans Organization";  
1-53 and

1-54 (2) a depiction of the Burn Pits 360 nonprofit  
1-55 organization logo.

1-56 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
1-57 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
1-58 shall be deposited to the credit of the open burn pit registry fund  
1-59 established under Section 99.008, Health and Safety Code.

1-60 (c) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license

2-1 plate issued under this section.

2-2 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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