By: Lopez of Bexar H.B. No. 5158

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

- 2 relating to the eligibility of service members and veterans to
- 3 participate in a veterans treatment court program based on
- 4 citizenship status.

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- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 124.002, Government Code, is amended by
- 7 adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:
- 8 (c-1) Access to a veterans treatment court program may not
- 9 <u>be limited or denied to any veteran or member of the United States</u>
- 10 armed forces under Subsection (a) solely based on the veteran's or
- 11 member's citizenship status.
- 12 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.