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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to inclusion of the United States Space Force in United
3 States military and veteran statutory definitions.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.241(b), Education Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

(b) A person who is an officer, enlisted person, selectee, or draftee of the Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Space Force, Navy, Navy Reserve, Marine Corps, Marine Corps Reserve, Coast Guard, or Coast Guard Reserve of the United States, who is assigned to duty in Texas, and the spouse and children of such an officer, enlisted person, selectee, or draftee, are entitled to register in a state institution of higher education by paying the tuition fee and other fees or charges required of Texas residents, without regard to the length of time the officer, enlisted person, selectee, or draftee has been assigned to duty or resided in the state. However, out-of-state Army National Guard or Air National Guard members attending training with Texas Army or Air National Guard units under National Guard Bureau regulations may not be exempted from nonresident tuition by virtue of that training status nor may out-of-state Army, Air Force, Space Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard Reserves training with units in Texas under similar regulations be exempted from nonresident tuition by virtue of that

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1 training status. It is the intent of the legislature that only
2 those members of the Army or Air National Guard or other reserve
3 forces mentioned above be exempted from the nonresident tuition fee
4 and other fees and charges only when they become members of Texas
5 units of the military organizations mentioned above.

6 SECTION 2. Section [136.001](#)(5), Education Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (5) "Veteran" means a person who has served in:

9 (A) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast
10 guard, or marine corps of the United States;

11 (B) the state military forces as defined by
12 Section [431.001](#), Government Code, other than the Texas State Guard;
13 or

14 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
15 of the armed forces.

16 SECTION 3. Section [171.0251](#)(a), Election Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (a) In this section, "armed forces of the United States"
19 means the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United
20 States Air Force, the United States Space Force, the United States
21 Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, any reserve or
22 auxiliary component of any of those services, or the National
23 Guard.

24 SECTION 4. Section [411.1410](#)(a), Government Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (a) In this section, "agency of the United States armed
27 forces" means the United States Army, the United States Navy, the

1 United States Marine Corps, the United States Coast Guard, ~~or~~ the
2 United States Air Force, or the United States Space Force.

3 SECTION 5. Section [411.1881](#)(a), Government Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter,
6 a person may not be required to complete the range instruction
7 portion of a handgun proficiency course to obtain a license issued
8 under this subchapter if the person:

9 (1) is currently serving in or is honorably discharged
10 from:

11 (A) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast
12 guard, or marine corps of the United States or an auxiliary service
13 or reserve unit of one of those branches of the armed forces; or

14 (B) the Texas military forces, as defined by
15 Section [437.001](#); and

16 (2) has, within the 10 years preceding the date of the
17 person's application for the license, completed as part of the
18 person's service with the armed forces or Texas military forces:

19 (A) a course of training in firearm proficiency
20 or familiarization; or

21 (B) a range qualification process for firearm
22 usage.

23 SECTION 6. Section [411.1951](#)(a), Government Code, is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who:

26 (1) has served in:

27 (A) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast

1 guard, or marine corps of the United States;
2 (B) the Texas military forces as defined by
3 Section 437.001; or
4 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
5 of the armed forces; and
6 (2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of
7 the service in which the person served.

8 SECTION 7. Section 434.022(a), Government Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has served
11 in:
12 (1) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast
13 guard, or marine corps of the United States; or
14 (2) the Texas National Guard as defined by Section
15 431.001.

16 SECTION 8. Section 434.023(a), Government Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has served
19 in:
20 (1) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast
21 guard, or marine corps of the United States; or
22 (2) the Texas National Guard as defined by Section
23 431.001.

24 SECTION 9. Section 434.351(3), Government Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (3) "Veteran" means a person who has served in:
27 (A) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast

1 guard, or marine corps of the United States;
2 (B) the state military forces as defined by
3 Section 431.001; or
4 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
5 of the armed forces.

6 SECTION 10. Section 526.0602(a), Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (a) In this section, "service member" means a member of the
9 United States military serving in the army, navy, air force, space
10 force, marine corps, or coast guard on active duty.

11 SECTION 11. Section 531.0931(a), Government Code, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (a) In this section, "military member" means a member of the
14 United States military serving in the army, navy, air force, space
15 force, marine corps, or coast guard on active duty.

16 SECTION 12. Section 552.117(a), Government Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (a) Information is excepted from the requirements of
19 Section 552.021 if it is information that relates to the home
20 address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or
21 social security number of the following person or that reveals
22 whether the person has family members:

23 (1) a current or former official or employee of a
24 governmental body, except as otherwise provided by Section 552.024;

25 (2) a current or honorably retired peace officer as
26 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a current
27 or honorably retired security officer commissioned under Section

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1 [51.212](#), Education Code, regardless of whether the officer complies
2 with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#), as applicable;

3 (3) a current or former employee of the Texas
4 Department of Criminal Justice or of the predecessor in function of
5 the department or any division of the department, regardless of
6 whether the current or former employee complies with Section
7 552.1175;

14 (5) a commissioned security officer as defined by
15 Section [1702.002](#), Occupations Code, regardless of whether the
16 officer complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#), as applicable;

17 (6) an officer or employee of a community supervision
18 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who
19 performs a duty described by Section 76.004(b), regardless of
20 whether the officer or employee complies with Section 552.024 or
21 552.1175;

22 (7) a current or former employee of the office of the
23 attorney general who is or was assigned to a division of that office
24 the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed under
25 Chapter [231](#), Family Code, regardless of whether the current or
26 former employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

27 (8) a current or former employee of the Texas Juvenile

1 Justice Department or of the predecessors in function of the
2 department, regardless of whether the current or former employee
3 complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

4 (9) a current or former juvenile probation or
5 supervision officer certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
6 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
7 under Title 12, Human Resources Code, regardless of whether the
8 current or former officer complies with Section [552.024](#) or
9 [552.1175](#);

10 (10) a current or former employee of a juvenile
11 justice program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section
12 [261.405](#), Family Code, regardless of whether the current or former
13 employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

14 (11) a current or former member of the United States
15 Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, or Marine Corps, an
16 auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces, or
17 the Texas military forces, as that term is defined by Section
18 [437.001](#);

19 (12) a current or former district attorney, criminal
20 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
21 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
22 matters, regardless of whether the current or former attorney
23 complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

24 (13) a current or former employee of a district
25 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
26 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child
27 protective services matters, regardless of whether the current or

1 former employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

2 (14) a current or former employee of the Texas Civil
3 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or
4 a division of the office, regardless of whether the current or
5 former employee complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

6 (15) a current or former federal judge or state judge,
7 as those terms are defined by Section [1.005](#), Election Code, a
8 federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals
9 Service, a United States attorney, or a family member of a current
10 or former federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a
11 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States
12 attorney, or a state judge;

13 (16) a current or former child protective services
14 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
15 for the Department of Family and Protective Services, regardless of
16 whether the caseworker or investigator complies with Section
17 [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#), or a current or former employee of a department
18 contractor performing child protective services caseworker, adult
19 protective services caseworker, or investigator functions for the
20 contractor on behalf of the department;

21 (17) an elected public officer, regardless of whether
22 the officer complies with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#);

23 (18) a current or former United States attorney,
24 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
25 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender and
26 the spouse or child of the current or former attorney or public
27 defender, regardless of whether the person complies with Section

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1 552.024 or 552.1175; or

2 (19) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
3 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section [773.003](#),
4 Health and Safety Code, regardless of whether the firefighter or
5 volunteer firefighter or emergency medical services personnel
6 comply with Section [552.024](#) or [552.1175](#), as applicable.

7 SECTION 13. Section 552.1175(a), Government Code, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 (a) This section applies only to:

10 (1) current or honorably retired peace officers as
11 defined by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, or special
12 investigators as described by Article 2A.002, Code of Criminal
13 Procedure:

14 (2) current or honorably retired county jailers as
15 defined by Section 1701.001, Occupations Code;

19 (4) commissioned security officers as defined by
20 Section 1702.002, Occupations Code;

21 (5) a current or former district attorney, criminal
22 district attorney, or county or municipal attorney whose
23 jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child protective services
24 matters:

25 (5-a) a current or former employee of a district
26 attorney, criminal district attorney, or county or municipal
27 attorney whose jurisdiction includes any criminal law or child

1 protective services matters;

2 (6) officers and employees of a community supervision
3 and corrections department established under Chapter 76 who perform
4 a duty described by Section 76.004(b);

5 (7) criminal investigators of the United States as
6 described by Article 2A.002(a), Code of Criminal Procedure;

7 (8) current or honorably retired police officers and
8 inspectors of the United States Federal Protective Service;

9 (9) current and former employees of the office of the
10 attorney general who are or were assigned to a division of that
11 office the duties of which involve law enforcement or are performed
12 under Chapter 231, Family Code;

13 (10) current or former juvenile probation and
14 detention officers certified by the Texas Juvenile Justice
15 Department, or the predecessors in function of the department,
16 under Title 12, Human Resources Code;

17 (11) current or former employees of a juvenile justice
18 program or facility, as those terms are defined by Section 261.405,
19 Family Code;

20 (12) current or former employees of the Texas Juvenile
21 Justice Department or the predecessors in function of the
22 department;

23 (13) federal judges and state judges as defined by
24 Section 1.005, Election Code;

25 (14) current or former employees of the Texas Civil
26 Commitment Office or of the predecessor in function of the office or
27 a division of the office;

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6 (16) a current or former child protective services
7 caseworker, adult protective services caseworker, or investigator
8 for the Department of Family and Protective Services or a current or
9 former employee of a department contractor performing child
10 protective services caseworker, adult protective services
11 caseworker, or investigator functions for the contractor on behalf
12 of the department:

13 (17) an elected public officer;

14 (18) a firefighter or volunteer firefighter or
15 emergency medical services personnel as defined by Section [773.003](#),
16 Health and Safety Code; and

17 (19) a current or former United States attorney,
18 assistant United States attorney, federal public defender, deputy
19 federal public defender, or assistant federal public defender.

20 SECTION 14. Section 2303.003(9), Government Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (9) "Veteran" means a person who:

(A) has served in:

24 (i) the army, navy, air force, space force,
25 coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;

26 (ii) the state military forces as defined
27 by Section 431.001; or

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1 (iii) an auxiliary service of one of those
2 branches of the armed forces; and

3 (B) has been honorably discharged from the branch
4 of the service in which the person served.

5 SECTION 15. Section 2308.251(2), Government Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (2) "Veteran" means a person who:

8 (A) has served in:

9 (i) the army, navy, air force, space force,
10 coast guard, or marine corps of the United States or the United
11 States Public Health Service under 42 U.S.C. Section 201 et seq., as
12 amended:

15 (iii) an auxiliary service of one of those
16 branches of the armed forces; and

17 (B) has been honorably discharged from the branch
18 of the service in which the person served.

19 SECTION 16. Section 259.002(a), Health and Safety Code, is
20 amended to read as follows:

25 (1) has successfully completed an accredited
26 educational program for surgical technologists and holds and
27 maintains certification as a surgical technologist by:

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1 (A) the National Board of Surgical Technology and
2 Surgical Assisting or its successor;

3 (B) the National Center for Competency Testing or
4 its successor; or

5 (C) another surgical technologist certification
6 program approved by the department;

11 (3) was employed to practice surgical technology in a
12 health care facility before September 1, 2009; or

13 (4) is in the service of the federal government, to the
14 extent the person is performing duties related to that service.

15 SECTION 17. Section 716.001(16), Health and Safety Code, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 (16) "Veteran" means an individual who:

18 (A) has served in:

19 (i) the army, navy, air force, space force,
20 coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;

23 (iii) an auxiliary service of one of those
24 branches of the armed forces; and

25 (B) has been honorably discharged from the branch
26 of the service in which the individual served.

27 SECTION 18. Section 773.050(c-1), Health and Safety Code,

1 is amended to read as follows:

2 (c-1) In this subsection, "United States military" means
3 the United States Army, the United States Navy, the United States
4 Air Force, the United States Space Force, the United States Marine
5 Corps, the United States Coast Guard, any reserve or auxiliary
6 component of any of those services, or the National Guard. The
7 executive commissioner by rule shall provide that an individual is
8 eligible for emergency medical services personnel certification
9 through reciprocity if the individual:

10 (1) successfully completed emergency medical services
11 training provided by the United States military;

12 (2) has emergency medical services personnel
13 credentials from the United States military; and

14 (3) is certified by the National Registry of Emergency
15 Medical Technicians.

16 SECTION 19. Section [1001.221\(2\)](#), Health and Safety Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (2) "Veteran" means a person who has served in:

19 (A) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast
20 guard, or marine corps of the United States;

21 (B) the state military forces as defined by
22 Section [431.001](#), Government Code; or

23 (C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches
24 of the armed forces.

25 SECTION 20. Section [137.201](#), Human Resources Code, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 137.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "veteran"

1 means a person who has served in:

2 (1) the army, navy, air force, space force, coast

3 guard, or marine corps of the United States;

4 (2) the state military forces as defined by Section

5 [431.001](#), Government Code; or

6 (3) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of

7 the armed forces.

8 SECTION 21. Section [501.002](#)(12), Local Government Code, is

9 amended to read as follows:

10 (12) "Primary job" means:

11 (A) a job that is:

12 (i) available at a company for which a
13 majority of the products or services of that company are ultimately
14 exported to regional, statewide, national, or international
15 markets infusing new dollars into the local economy; and

16 (ii) included in one of the following
17 sectors of the North American Industry Classification System
18 (NAICS):

19 NAICS Sector #	20 Description
20 111	Crop Production
21 112	Animal Production
22 113	Forestry and Logging
23 11411	Commercial Fishing
24 115	Support Activities for Agriculture and Forestry
25 211-213	Mining
26 221	Utilities

1 311-339 Manufacturing
2 42 Wholesale Trade
3 48-49 Transportation and Warehousing
4 51 (excluding Information (excluding motion picture
5 512131 and theaters and drive-in motion picture
6 512132) theaters)
7 523-525 Securities, Commodity Contracts, and
8 Other Financial Investments and
9 Related Activities; Insurance
10 Carriers and Related Activities;
11 Funds, Trusts, and Other Financial
12 Vehicles
13 5413, 5415, 5416, Architectural, Engineering, and
14 5417, and 5419 Related Services; Computer System
15 Design and Related Services;
16 Management, Scientific, and Technical
17 Consulting Services; Scientific
18 Research and Development Services;
19 Other Professional, Scientific, and
20 Technical Services
21 551 Management of Companies and
22 Enterprises
23 56142 Telephone Call Centers
24 922140 Correctional Institutions; or
25 (B) a job that is included in North American
26 Industry Classification System (NAICS) sector number 928110,
27 National Security, for the corresponding index entries for Armed

1 Forces, Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine Corps, and
2 Military Bases.

3 SECTION 22. Section 161.001(a)(7), Natural Resources Code,
4 is amended to read as follows:

5 (7) "Veteran" means a person who:

6 (A)(i) served not less than 90 days, unless
7 sooner discharged by reason of a service-connected disability, on
8 active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard,
9 United States Public Health Service (as constituted under 42 U.S.C.
10 Section 201 et seq.), or Marine Corps of the United States after
11 September 16, 1940, and who on the date of filing an application
12 under the program has not been dishonorably discharged from the
13 branch of the service in which the person served;

14 (ii) has at least 20 years of active or
15 reserve military service as computed when determining the person's
16 eligibility to receive retired pay under applicable federal law;

17 (iii) has enlisted or received an
18 appointment in the Texas National Guard, who has completed all
19 initial active duty training required as a condition of the
20 enlistment or appointment, and who on the date of filing the
21 person's application has not been dishonorably discharged from the
22 Texas National Guard; or

23 (iv) served in the armed forces of the
24 Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, if
25 the board adopts a rule regarding these veterans under Subsection
26 (b);

27 (B) at the time of the person's enlistment,

1 induction, commissioning, appointment, or drafting was a bona fide
2 resident of this state or has resided in this state at least one
3 year immediately before the date of filing an application under
4 this chapter; and

5 (C) at the time of the person's application under
6 this chapter is a bona fide resident of this state. The term
7 includes the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran who died or who
8 is identified as missing in action if the deceased or missing
9 veteran meets the requirements of this section, with the exception
10 that the deceased or missing veteran need not have served 90 days
11 under Paragraph (A)(i) of this subdivision, and if the deceased or
12 missing veteran was a bona fide resident of this state at the time
13 of enlistment, induction, commissioning, appointment, or drafting.

14 SECTION 23. Section [202.304\(a\)](#), Occupations Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), this section
17 applies to a podiatrist whose license has been suspended or
18 revoked, or whose most recently issued renewal certificate has
19 expired, while the podiatrist has been:

20 (1) engaged in federal service or on active duty with:
21 (A) the United States Army;
22 (B) the United States Navy;
23 (C) the United States Marine Corps;
24 (D) the United States Coast Guard; [~~or~~]
25 (E) the United States Air Force; or
26 (F) the United States Space Force;
27 (2) called into service or training of the United

1 States; or

2 (3) in training or education under the supervision of
3 the United States before induction into military service.

4 SECTION 24. Section [451.003](#), Occupations Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 451.003. APPLICABILITY. This chapter does not apply
7 to:

8 (1) a physician licensed by the Texas Medical Board or
9 engaged in the practice of medicine as authorized by Section
10 [151.0521](#);

11 (2) a dentist, licensed under the laws of this state,
12 engaged in the practice of dentistry;

13 (3) a licensed optometrist or therapeutic optometrist
14 engaged in the practice of optometry or therapeutic optometry as
15 defined by statute;

16 (4) an occupational therapist engaged in the practice
17 of occupational therapy;

18 (5) a nurse engaged in the practice of nursing;

19 (6) a licensed podiatrist engaged in the practice of
20 podiatry as defined by statute;

21 (7) a physical therapist engaged in the practice of
22 physical therapy;

23 (8) a registered massage therapist engaged in the
24 practice of massage therapy;

25 (9) a commissioned or contract physician, physical
26 therapist, or physical therapist assistant in the United States
27 Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, or Public Health Service; or

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(10) an athletic trainer who does not live in this state, who is licensed, registered, or certified by an authority recognized by the department, and who provides athletic training in this state for a period determined by the department.

5 SECTION 25. Section 1701.265(a), Occupations Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who has served
8 in:

13 SECTION 26. Section 312.0021(a)(1), Tax Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

24 SECTION 27. Section 521.1235(a)(3), Transportation Code,
25 is amended to read as follows:

26 (3) "Veteran" means a person who:

27 (A) has served in:

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7 SECTION 28. The changes in law made by this Act are intended
8 to clarify rather than change existing law.

9 SECTION 29. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.