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H.B. No. 2702

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of
3 certain organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state
4 of disaster.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 418.012, Government Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 418.012. EXECUTIVE ORDERS. (a) Under this chapter,
9 the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations, and
10 regulations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders,
11 proclamations, and regulations have the force and effect of law.

12 (b) An executive order, proclamation, or regulation issued
13 by the governor under this chapter that restricts the operation of
14 or the hours of operation for a business that sells alcoholic
15 beverages may not include an organization exempt from federal
16 taxation under Section 501(a), Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as an
17 organization described by Section 501(c)(19) of that code, that
18 benefits veterans of the United States armed forces. This
19 subsection does not apply to an executive order, proclamation, or
20 regulation issued by the governor during a natural disaster.

21 SECTION 2. Section 418.012, Government Code, as amended by
22 this Act, applies only to a declaration of a state of disaster
23 issued or renewed on or after the effective date of this Act. A
24 declaration issued before the effective date of this Act is

1 governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date
2 of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.