

House Bill 39
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Section 193.006, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(d) When the death certificate of a person to which this section applies is filed with the vital statistics unit, the department [state registrar] shall submit to [notify] the Texas Veterans Commission deidentified information on the person's:

(1) manner of death, only if the death was by suicide or homicide;

(2) age;

(3) race;

(4) previous use of psychotropic drugs;

(5) sex; and

(6) occupation.

(e) Not later than September 1 of each year, the Texas Veterans Commission shall prepare and submit to the standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over veterans affairs and publish on the commission's Internet website a written report that contains:

(1) aggregated data based on the information the commission receives under Subsection (d) for the preceding year;

(2) an evaluation of that data; and

(3) any recommendations for legislative or other action.

SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2027, the Texas Veterans Commission shall prepare and submit the initial report required by Section 193.006(e), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SENATE VERSION (IE)

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(1) manner of death, only if the death was by suicide or homicide;

(2) age;

(3) race;

(4) [Deleted by FA1(1)]

(5) sex; and

(6) occupation.

(e) Not later than December 1 of each year, the Texas Veterans Commission shall prepare and submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over veterans affairs and publish on the commission's Internet website a written report that contains: [FA1(2)]

(1) aggregated data based on the information the commission receives under Subsection (d) for the preceding year;

(2) an evaluation of that data; and

(3) any recommendations for legislative or other action.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.