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H.B. No. 791

AN ACT 1 relating to the definition of volunteer fire department 2 purposes of certain motor fuel tax exemptions. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. Section 162.001, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (63) to read as follows: 6 7 (63) "Volunteer fire department" means a fire department operated by its members, including a part-paid fire 8 department composed of at least 50 percent volunteer firefighters, 9 10 that is operated on a not-for-profit basis, including a department that is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a), 11 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, by being listed as an exempt 12 organization in Section 501(c)(3) or (4) of that code. 13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act does not 14 affect tax liability accruing before the effective date of this 15 Act. That liability continues in effect as if this Act had not been 16 enacted, and the former law is continued in effect for the 17 collection of taxes due and for civil and criminal enforcement of 18 19 the liability for those taxes. 20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 791 was passed by the House on April 16, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the Hou

I certify that H.B. No. 791 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

5-24-2019

Date

Governor

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