

AN ACT

relating to exempting certain military personnel from certain state and local governmental fees.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 431, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 431.039 to read as follows:

Sec. 431.039. EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING DEPLOYED. A member of the National Guard on federal active duty, or a member of the armed forces of the United States on active duty, who is preparing to be deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone as designated by the United States secretary of defense is exempt from paying the following state or local governmental fees the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's personal affairs:

(1) fees for obtaining copies of:

(A) a birth certificate;

(B) a recorded marriage license;

(C) a divorce decree;

(D) a child support order;

(E) guardianship documents; and

(F) property tax records;

(2) fees for issuing a marriage license or duplicate marriage license; and

(3) fees for transferring title to real or personal

1 property.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Caddick

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1260 was passed by the House on April 13, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1260 on May 14, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1260 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 8, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Saw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 25 MAY 07

Date

Rick Peery

Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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