

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the persons who may inspect or obtain a copy of a  
3 military discharge record under the public information law.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 552.140(c), Government Code, is amended  
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) On request and the presentation of proper  
8 identification, the following persons may inspect the military  
9 discharge record or obtain from the governmental body free of  
10 charge a copy or certified copy of the record:

11 (1) the veteran who is the subject of the record;

12 (2) the legal guardian of the veteran;

13 (3) the spouse or a child or parent of the veteran or,  
14 if there is no living spouse, child, or parent, the nearest living  
15 relative of the veteran;

16 (4) the personal representative of the estate of the  
17 veteran;

18 (5) the person named by the veteran, or by a person  
19 described by Subdivision (2), (3), or (4), in an appropriate power  
20 of attorney executed in accordance with Section 490, Chapter XII,  
21 Texas Probate Code; ~~or~~

22 (6) another governmental body; or

23 (7) an authorized representative of the funeral home  
24 that assists with the burial of the veteran.

1           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
6 legislative session.

David Newburn

President of the Senate

Jim Coakley

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 18 was passed by the House on March 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 18 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Astley Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 24 MAY 05

Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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