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AN ACT

relating to the installment payment of ad valorem taxes by certain veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.072, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the property owner requesting a collector to establish an escrow account under this section is a disabled veteran as defined by Section 11.22 or a recipient of the Purple Heart, the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Bronze Star Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, or a service cross awarded by a branch of the United States armed forces and the escrow account is to be used solely to provide for the payment of property taxes collected by the collector on the property owner's residence homestead, the collector shall enter into a contract with the property owner under this section.

SECTION 2. 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, 2005.

David Newburn
President of the Senate

Jim Cradick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 580 passed the Senate on March 31, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 9, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Lately Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 580 passed the House, with amendments, on May 4, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Honey
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

17 MAY 05

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE
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Roger Williams
Secretary of State
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