

1-1 By: Farias, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 1584
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
1-3 May 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Agriculture, Water, and Rural Affairs; May 12, 2015, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 12, 2015, sent
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
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1-15	X			

1-16 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-17 AN ACT

1-18 relating to a voluntary donation to the fund for veterans'
1-19 assistance when applying for a hunting or fishing license.

1-20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-21 SECTION 1. Section 434.017(a), Government Code, is amended
1-22 to read as follows:

1-23 (a) The fund for veterans' assistance is a special fund in
1-24 the state treasury outside the general revenue fund. The fund is
1-25 composed of:

1-26 (1) money transferred to the fund at the direction of
1-27 the legislature;

1-28 (2) gifts and grants contributed to the fund;

1-29 (3) the earnings of the fund;

1-30 (4) money transferred to the fund from proceeds of the
1-31 lottery game operated under Section 466.027 or transferred to the
1-32 fund under Section 466.408(b);

1-33 (5) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
1-34 Section 502.1746, Transportation Code; ~~and~~

1-35 (6) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
1-36 Section 521.008, Transportation Code; and

1-37 (7) money deposited to the credit of the fund under
1-38 Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code.

1-39 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Parks and Wildlife
1-40 Code, is amended by adding Section 12.007 to read as follows:

1-41 Sec. 12.007. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO FUND FOR VETERANS'
1-42 ASSISTANCE. (a) In this section, "veterans fund" means the fund for
1-43 veterans' assistance established under Section 434.017, Government
1-44 Code.

1-45 (b) When a person applies for a hunting or fishing license
1-46 of any type, including a combination hunting and fishing license,
1-47 under this code, the person may make a voluntary contribution of \$1,
1-48 \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund.

1-49 (c) The department shall:

1-50 (1) include space on the first page of each
1-51 application for a hunting or fishing license that allows a person
1-52 applying for the license to indicate that the person is voluntarily
1-53 contributing \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund; and

1-54 (2) provide an opportunity for the person to
1-55 contribute \$1, \$5, \$10, or \$20 to the veterans fund during the
1-56 application process for a hunting or fishing license on the
1-57 department's Internet website.

1-58 (d) The department shall send any contribution made under
1-59 this section to the comptroller for deposit in the state treasury to
1-60 the credit of the fund for veterans' assistance not later than the
1-61 14th day of each month. Before sending the money to the veterans

fund, the department may deduct money equal to the amount of reasonable expenses for developing and administering this section.

SECTION 3. (a) To implement Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, the Parks and Wildlife Commission shall adopt rules as needed and the Parks and Wildlife Department shall develop procedures to implement that section not later than August 1, 2016.

(b) The Parks and Wildlife Department may consult with the Department of Public Safety for assistance in developing procedures to implement Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 4. Section 12.007, Parks and Wildlife Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a license purchased on or after September 1, 2016.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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