

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Military personnel are often provided very little time to put their personal affairs in order before deployment to a designated hostile zone.

C.S.H.B. 1260 exempts certain military personnel who are being deployed to serve in a hostile fire zone from certain state and local government fees in order to ease the burden created by this short preparation period. The bill lists specific fees that are exempted, including fees to obtain copies of birth and marriage certificates and fees for transferring property titles.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter B, Chapter 431, Government Code, by adding Section 431.039, as follows:

Sec. 431.039. EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL BEING DEPLOYED. Provides that 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 certain state or local governmental fees the member incurs because of the deployment to arrange the member's personal affairs. Sets forth those certain fees from which a deployed member is exempt.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.