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GUILLEN CUTS RED TAPE FOR VETERANS

H.B. 1101 Removes Requirement For Disabled Veterans To Re-Apply For Tax Exemption

AUSTIN - Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) is happy to announce that H.B. 1101, which he was an author of, has taken effect with the new year. The bill cuts red tape for disabled veterans by removing the previous requirement that disabled veterans re-apply every year for the tax exemption they qualify for through their disability.

"Veterans, especially our disabled veterans, deserve to be treated like heroes every day of the year, so I am proud to fight for them whenever and wherever I can," said Guillen.

Under current law, disabled veterans are assigned a disability rating by the federal government. Permanent 100% disability ratings are given to veterans that will be considered 100% disabled for life by the federal government. In Texas, disabled veterans are given an exemption on their property taxes based on their disability rating in honor of their service. However until now, permanent 100% disabled veterans had to re-apply for their 100% property tax exemption each year.

Guillen saw this as completely unnecessary and a burden on the families of 100% disabled veterans, so he worked with a colleague to author H.B. 1101 to remove the yearly application requirement and make the 100% property tax exemption easier to claim.

"Veterans sacrifice so much for our country," Guillen added. "We must always remember that and do everything we can to help them when they re-enter civilian life."

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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