SECTION 3.02. Section 112.038, Property Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a court action commenced on or after the effective date of this Act. An action commenced before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law applicable to the action immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

ARTICLE 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4.01. Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013, except as otherwise provided by this Act.

CHAPTER 352

H.B. No. 2392

AN ACT

relating to the mental health program for veterans.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 1001.071, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1001.071. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT RELATED TO HEALTH CARE. The department is responsible for administering human services programs regarding the public health, including:

(1) implementing the state’s public health care delivery programs under the authority of the department;
(2) administering state health facilities, hospitals, and health care systems;
(3) developing and providing health care services, as directed by law;
(4) providing for the prevention and control of communicable diseases;
(5) providing public education on health-related matters, as directed by law;
(6) compiling and reporting health-related information, as directed by law;
(7) acting as the lead agency for implementation of state policies regarding the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and administering programs related to the human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome;
(8) investigating the causes of injuries and methods of prevention;
(9) administering a grant program to provide appropriated money to counties, municipalities, public health districts, and other political subdivisions for their use to provide or pay for essential public health services;
(10) administering the registration of vital statistics;
(11) licensing, inspecting, and enforcing regulations regarding health facilities, other than long-term care facilities regulated by the Department of Aging and Disability Services;
(12) implementing established standards and procedures for the management and control of sanitation and for health protection measures;
(13) enforcing regulations regarding radioactive materials;
(14) enforcing regulations regarding food, bottled and vended drinking water, drugs, cosmetics, and health devices;
(15) enforcing regulations regarding food service establishments, retail food stores, mobile food units, and roadside food vendors; [and]
(16) enforcing regulations controlling hazardous substances in households and work-
and
(17) implementing a mental health program for veterans.

SECTION 2. Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter H
to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER H. MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM FOR VETERANS

Sec. 1001.201. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:
(1) “Peer” means a person who is a veteran or a veteran’s family member.
(2) “Veteran” means a person who has served in:
(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps of the United States;
(B) the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government Code; or
(C) an auxiliary service of one of those branches of the armed forces.
(3) “Volunteer coordinator” means a person who recruits and retains veterans, peers,
and volunteers to participate in the mental health program for veterans and related
activities.

Sec. 1001.202. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The department shall develop
a mental health intervention program for veterans. The program must include:
(1) peer-to-peer counseling;
(2) access to licensed mental health professionals for volunteer coordinators and peers;
(3) training approved by the department for peers;
(4) technical assistance for volunteer coordinators and peers;
(5) grants to regional and local organizations providing services under this subchapter;
(6) recruitment, retention, and screening of community-based therapists;
(7) suicide prevention training for volunteer coordinators and peers; and
(8) veteran jail diversion services, including veterans courts.
(b) The department shall solicit and ensure that specialized training is provided to
persons who are peers and who want to provide peer-to-peer counseling or other peer-to-peer
services under the program.
(c) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

Sec. 1001.203. GRANTS. (a) The department shall establish a grant program through
which the department may award grants to regional and local organizations for the delivery
of programs or services described by this subchapter.
(b) A grant awarded under this section must:
(1) emphasize direct services to veterans provided by peers;
(2) leverage additional local resources to provide funding for programs or services for
veterans; and
(3) increase the capacity of the mental health program for veterans.
(c) A grant awarded under this section may not be used to supplant existing expenditures
associated with programs or services within the department.

Sec. 1001.204. ANNUAL REPORT. Not later than December 1 of each year, the
department shall submit a report to the governor and the legislature that includes:
(1) the number of veterans who received services through the mental health program for
veterans;
(2) the number of peers and volunteer coordinators trained;
(3) a summary of the grants awarded and services provided through those grants;
(4) an evaluation of the services provided under this subchapter; and
(5) recommendations for program improvements.

SECTION 4. Not later than January 1, 2014, the Department of State Health Services shall modify the mental health intervention program for veterans as required by Subchapter H, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 26, 2013: Yeas 138, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2392 on May 20, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 1, 4 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 353

H.B. No. 2394

AN ACT relating to a study on the feasibility of requiring title for all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers not considered manufactured housing.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 501.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.007. STUDY ON FEASIBILITY OF TITLE BEING OBTAINED FOR ALL TRAILERS, SEMITRAILERS, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS THAT ARE NOT MANUFACTURED HOUSING. (a) The department shall conduct a study of the feasibility of requiring title for each trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer that is not manufactured housing.

(b) In conducting the study required under this section, the department must, in relation to all trailers, semitrailers, and travel trailers covered by the study:

(1) determine the cost and feasibility of assigning vehicle identification numbers;

(2) develop options for obtaining title;

(3) evaluate the processes of inspection, verification, and assignment of vehicle identification numbers;

(4) develop recommendations for requiring the permanent affixation of vehicle identification numbers;

(5) determine the approximate fiscal impact from theft and evaluate options to decrease this theft; and

(6) evaluate the level of access individuals in rural areas have to obtain title.

(c) In conducting the study, the department must use input from local governmental entities that provide title services for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers, automotive theft experts, statewide associations representing agricultural entities, and statewide associations of counties. The department may use input from any other organization, as necessary.

(d) On request of the department, the comptroller shall assist the department in conducting the study.

(e) The department shall prepare a report that contains its study findings and makes recommendations regarding possible legislative solutions to any problems found in the processes for obtaining title for trailers, semitrailers, or travel trailers covered by the study. Not later than September 1, 2014, the department shall submit the report to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over motor vehicles.

(f) This section expires August 31, 2015.