CHAPTER 397
S.B. No. 165
AN ACT relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to officers of the United States armed forces who graduated from certain United States military academies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.309, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.309. MILITARY ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES. The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who:

(1) are graduates of:
   (A) the United States Military Academy;
   (B) [the United States Naval Academy;]
   (C) [the United States Air Force Academy;]
   (D) the United States Merchant Marine Academy; or
   (E) the United States Coast Guard Academy;

(2) are current or former commissioned officers of the United States armed forces.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 21, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 14, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 398
S.B. No. 183
AN ACT relating to certain inquiries made by the Texas Department of Insurance to insurers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 38.001, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A person receiving an inquiry under Subsection (b) shall respond to the inquiry in writing not later than the 15th (10th) day after the date the inquiry is received. If the department receives written notice from the person that additional time is required to respond to the inquiry, the department shall grant a 10-day extension of the time to respond to the inquiry.
(e) The department shall maintain a record of all inquiries made by the department under this section.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an inquiry made by the Texas Department of Insurance on or after the effective date of this Act. An inquiry made before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed the Senate on March 13, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 14, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 399

S.B. No. 193

AN ACT relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property used to provide low-income and moderate-income housing.

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (g), Section 11.182, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) To receive an exemption under Subsection (b) or (f), an organization must annually:

1. have an audit prepared by an independent auditor that includes:
   a. a detailed report on the organization’s sources and uses of funds; and
2. deliver a copy of the audit to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and to the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the property subject to the exemption is located.

SECTION 2. Subsections (b) and (c), Section 11.1826, Tax Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) Property may not be exempted under Section 11.1825 for a tax year unless the organization owning or controlling the owner of the property:

1. has an audit prepared by an independent auditor covering the organization’s most recent fiscal year that:
   a. is conducted in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and
   b. includes an opinion on whether:
      i. the financial statements of the organization present fairly, in all material respects and in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the financial position, changes in net assets, and cash flows of the organization; and
      ii. the organization has complied with all of the terms and conditions of the exemption under Section 11.1825; and
2. delivers a copy of the audit in accordance with Subsection (c).

(c) Not later than the 180th day after the last day of the organization’s most recent fiscal year, the organization must deliver a copy of the audit to the department and the chief appraiser of the appraisal district in which the property is located. The chief appraiser may extend the deadline for good cause shown.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2014.

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