

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1646  
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs  
Committee Report (Unamended)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Interested parties contend that waiving certain fees relating to an assumed business or professional name certificate or a statement of abandonment of use of an assumed name for a registrant who is a military veteran is a simple way to honor veterans' service. H.B. 1646 seeks to authorize such a fee waiver.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

### **ANALYSIS**

H.B. 1646 amends the Business & Commerce Code to authorize a county clerk to waive all fees related to filing an assumed business or professional name certificate or a statement of abandonment of use of an assumed name for a registrant who is a military veteran.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2017.