

1-1 By: Watson S.B. No. 574
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 13, 2015;
 1-3 February 23, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Finance; April 8, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 8, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Eltife			X	
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Galveston			X	
1-18 Uresti	X			
1-19 Watson	X			
1-20 West	X			
1-21 Whitmire			X	

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to the creation of the State Cemetery preservation trust
 1-26 fund.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 2165, Government Code, is
 1-29 amended by adding Section 2165.2565 to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 2165.2565. STATE CEMETERY PRESERVATION TRUST FUND.

1-31 (a) The State Cemetery preservation trust fund is created as a
 1-32 trust fund outside the state treasury to be held with the
 1-33 comptroller in trust. The State Cemetery Committee shall
 1-34 administer the fund as trustee on behalf of the people of this
 1-35 state. The fund consists of money:

1-36 (1) transferred or appropriated to the fund; and
 1-37 (2) received by the State Cemetery Committee under
 1-38 Section 2165.256(s) and deposited to the fund by the committee.

1-39 (b) The interest received from investment of money in the
 1-40 fund shall be credited to the fund.

1-41 (c) Money in the fund may be used only to:

1-42 (1) maintain, renovate, make major repairs or capital
 1-43 improvements to, or preserve the State Cemetery, as determined by
 1-44 the State Cemetery Committee; or

1-45 (2) acquire land in close proximity to the State
 1-46 Cemetery for expansion of the cemetery.

1-47 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding Section 222.002, Transportation
 1-48 Code, or any other law, as soon as practicable after the sale of
 1-49 property that is the subject of Section 2165.256(b-1), Government
 1-50 Code, the comptroller of public accounts shall transfer from the
 1-51 state highway fund to the State Cemetery preservation trust fund,
 1-52 as created by this Act, an amount of money equal to the portion of
 1-53 the proceeds attributable to the sale of that property that is
 1-54 required to be deposited by the Texas Department of Transportation
 1-55 in a subaccount in the state highway fund for use by the State
 1-56 Cemetery Committee under the terms of a memorandum of understanding
 1-57 entered into between the department and the State Cemetery
 1-58 Committee.

1-59 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-60 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-61 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

2-1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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