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Overview

This bill authorizes a county veterans service officer and county assessor to exchange information regarding the eligibility of a veteran currently receiving a property tax benefit under the disabled veterans homestead exclusion. In 2017, the legislature eliminated the annual application requirement for the exclusion, and instead required the county veterans service officer to certify the disability status of current beneficiaries each year to the county assessor, to make the eligibility determination. However, without explicit authorization to allow the sharing of private data, the 2017 provision can only be administered if a veteran consents to the release of their private data. This bill would allow the information exchange required to administer the new provision without obtaining a release from the beneficiary of the exclusion.

Section

- 1 **Records; data privacy.** This section allows the county veterans service officer to disclose private data to the county assessor, to determine eligibility for the disabled veterans homestead exclusion.
- 2 **Disclosure.** This section allows the county assessor to disclose private data to the county veterans service officer, to determine eligibility for the disabled veterans homestead exclusion.