

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 798

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Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Under current law, veterans who have suffered less than a 60% service-connected disability and who could benefit from a disabled veteran license plate are not included in the group available to receive a disabled veterans license plate. In order to receive a disabled veterans license plate, a veteran must have suffered a 60% service-connected disability during military service or have suffered a 40% service-connected disability because of the amputation of a lower extremity. HB 798 amends Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code by lowering from 60% to 50% the disability rating needed to receive a disabled veterans license plate.

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

SECTION 1. Amends the Transportation Code to include those veterans who have sustained a 50% percent service-connected disability to the group of veterans able to receive the disabled veterans license plate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.