

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 3593  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Disabled veterans who qualify for disabled veteran license plates receive them at a reduced cost of \$3. However, some of these veterans do not wish to purchase the disabled veteran license plates because they do not want to advertise on their vehicles that they are disabled. Under current law, these veterans are required to pay full price if they wish to purchase standard license plates, even though they qualify for reduced cost disabled veteran license plates.

C.S.H.B. 3593 authorizes a person entitled to a disabled veteran license plate to elect to receive a standard license plate under the same conditions for issuance of the disabled veteran 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**

C.S.H.B. 3593 amends the Transportation Code to authorize a person entitled to license plates under provisions relating to veterans with disabilities to elect to receive standard license plates issued under provisions relating to the registration of vehicles under the same conditions for the issuance of the disabled veteran license plates.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

September 1, 2009.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**

C.S.H.B. 3593 authorizes a person entitled to license plates under provisions regarding veterans with disabilities to elect to receive standard license plates under the same conditions for the issuance of the veterans' license plates, whereas the original authorizes a disabled veteran to choose a standard issue plate instead of a disabled veteran plate at the same cost. The substitute differs from the original by providing for a September 1, 2009, effective date, whereas the original provides for immediate effect contingent on the bill's receiving the necessary two-thirds vote in each house or a September 1, 2009, effective date.