By: Corte (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) 1-1 H.B. No. 618 1-2 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2009; May 1, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 8, 2009, reported 1-4 1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 8, 2009, sent 1-6 to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 - 71-8 AN ACT

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relating to privileged parking for certain veterans and military 1-9 1-10 1-11 award recipients.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 681.008, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 681.008. PARKING PRIVILEGES: CERTAIN VETERANS AND MILITARY AWARD RECIPIENTS. SECTION 2. Section

Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A vehicle on which license plates issued under Section 504.202, [er] Section 504.315(c), (d), (e), $\underline{\text{(f)}}$, or (g), or Section 504.316 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

(1) the person who registered the vehicle under Section 504.202(a), [$\frac{1}{2}$] Section 504.315(c), (d), (e), $\frac{1}{2}$ or (g), or Section 504.316; or

(2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the

vehicle is registered under that subsection.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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