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H.B. No. 3988

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3988:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3988

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of disabled veteran license plates to
3 surviving disabled spouses and of certain military license plates
4 to the surviving spouses of military servicemembers who die while
5 on active duty.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is amended
8 by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

9 (b-1) The surviving spouse of a veteran who at the time of
10 death had a vehicle registered under Subsection (a) may register
11 one vehicle under this section as long as the spouse remains
12 unmarried and is permanently disabled at the time of application.
13 An applicant for registration under this subsection must submit
14 proof of the deceased veteran's previous eligibility under Section
15 504.202(b) and the surviving spouse's current eligibility under
16 Section 681.003.

17 SECTION 2. Section 504.302, Transportation Code, is amended
18 by amending Subsection (a) and adding subsection (c-1) to read as
19 follows:

20 (a) The surviving spouse of a person is entitled to register
21 one vehicle under the applicable section of this subchapter if the
22 surviving spouse remains unmarried and the deceased:

23 (1) was issued [~~would be eligible for~~] a specialty
24 license plate under this subchapter;

1 (2) would have been eligible for a specialty license
2 plate under this subchapter if the deceased had applied when alive;
3 or

4 (3) was killed in action or posthumously became
5 qualified for issuance of license plates under this subchapter [~~is~~
6 ~~entitled to continue to register one vehicle under the applicable~~
7 ~~sections as long as the spouse remains unmarried)].~~

8 (c-1) The fee for set of license plates and for replacement
9 plates under this section is as appropriate to the plate type
10 category. To the extent of a conflict between this subsection and
11 another provision of this chapter, this subsection prevails.

12 SECTION 3. Sections 681.006(a) and (b), Transportation
13 Code, are amended to read as follows:

14 (a) Subject to Section 681.009(e), a vehicle may be parked
15 for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is
16 designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities if:

17 (1) the vehicle is being operated by or for the
18 transportation of a person with a disability; and

19 (2) there are:

20 (A) displayed on the vehicle special license
21 plates issued under Sections [~~Section~~] 504.201 or 504.202(b-1); or

22 (B) placed on the rearview mirror of the
23 vehicle's front windshield a disabled parking placard.

24 (b) The owner of a vehicle is exempt from the payment of a
25 fee or penalty imposed by a governmental unit for parking at a meter
26 if:

27 (1) the vehicle is being operated by or for the

1 transportation of a person with a disability; and (2) there are:

2 (A) displayed on the vehicle special license
3 plates issued under Sections [~~Section~~] 504.201 or 504.202(b-1); or

4 (B) placed on the rearview mirror of the
5 vehicle's front windshield a disabled parking placard.

6 SECTION 4. Section 504.3015(c), Transportation Code, is
7 repealed.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.