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H.B. No. 559

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 559:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to Bronze Star Medal specialty license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 372.053(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A toll project entity may establish a discount program for electronic toll collection customers. The program must include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by an electronic toll collection customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered:

(1) under Section 504.202;

(2) under Section 504.315(a) or (g) [~~504.315(g)~~]; or

(3) by a person who has received the Medal of Honor.

SECTION 2. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Bronze Star Medal. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Bronze Star Medal emblem and must include the words "Bronze Star Medal" at the bottom of each plate. Section 504.702 does not apply to license plates authorized by this subsection.

SECTION 3. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, as amended by Chapters 115 (H.B. 2020) and 319 (H.B. 618), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended

1 to read as follows:

2 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by
3 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, Section
4 504.315(a), (c) [~~504.315(c)~~], (d), (e), (f), or (g), or Section
5 504.316 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee
6 collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental
7 authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being
8 operated by or for the transportation of:

9 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under
10 Section 504.202(a), Section 504.315(a), (c) [~~504.315(c)~~], (d),
11 (e), (f), or (g), or Section 504.316;

12 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the
13 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

14 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying
15 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

16 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.