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H.B. No. 559

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 504.3015(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The fee for the issuance of one set of specialty license plates issued under Section 504.315(a), (c) ~~[504.315(c)]~~, (d), or (g) is \$3. There is no additional fee for a specialty license plate issued under another provision of this subchapter.

SECTION 3. 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

1 include the words "Bronze Star Medal" at the bottom of each plate.  
2 Section 504.702 does not apply to license plates authorized by this  
3 subsection.

4 SECTION 4. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, as  
5 amended by Chapters 115 (H.B. 2020) and 319 (H.B. 618), Acts of the  
6 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended  
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by  
9 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, Section  
10 504.315(a), (c) [~~504.315(e)~~], (d), (e), (f), or (g), or Section  
11 504.316 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee  
12 collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental  
13 authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being  
14 operated by or for the transportation of:

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

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

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

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.