

1-1 By: Sheffield, Miller of Erath, Aycok H.B. No. 559
1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa)
1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2011;
1-4 April 29, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-5 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 21, 2011, reported
1-6 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2011, sent
1-7 to printer.)

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal with Valor
1-11 specialty license plates.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended
1-14 by adding Subsection (a) to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
1-16 recipients of the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal with
1-17 Valor. License plates issued under this subsection must include
1-18 the Bronze Star Medal emblem and must include the words "Bronze Star
1-19 Medal" at the bottom of each plate. License plates issued under
1-20 this subsection to recipients of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor
1-21 that are not personalized must also include the letter "V" as a
1-22 prefix or suffix to the numerals on each plate. Section 504.702
1-23 does not apply to license plates authorized by this subsection.

1-24 SECTION 2. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, as
1-25 amended by Chapters 115 (H.B. 2020) and 319 (H.B. 618), Acts of the
1-26 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is reenacted and amended
1-27 to read as follows:

1-28 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by
1-29 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, Section
1-30 504.315(a), (c) [~~504.315(c)~~], (d), (e), (f), or (g), or Section
1-31 504.316 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee
1-32 collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental
1-33 authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being
1-34 operated by or for the transportation of:

1-35 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under
1-36 Section 504.202(a), Section 504.315(a), (c) [~~504.315(c)~~], (d),
1-37 (e), (f), or (g), or Section 504.316;

1-38 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the
1-39 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

1-40 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying
1-41 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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