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H.B. No. 657

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to honorary license plates for certain disabled veterans.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.202. VETERANS WITH CERTAIN DISABILITIES.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.2021 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.2021. HONORARY LICENSE PLATES FOR VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a veteran of the United States Armed Forces who has suffered, as a result of military service, a service-connected disability that does not meet the requirements of Section 504.202(b)(1).

(b) License plates issued under this section must include the words "Disabled Veteran" and "U.S. Armed Forces" and must be clearly distinguishable from license plates issued under Section 504.202.

(c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this section may register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without payment of any fee other than the fee for the license plates under Subsection (d). Registration under this section is valid for one year.

(d) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. There

1 is no fee for each additional set of license plates. If a license  
2 plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, on payment of a \$1 fee the  
3 department shall issue a set of replacement plates.

4 (e) Eligibility to receive a license plate under this  
5 section does not qualify a person to receive a disabled parking  
6 placard under Section 681.004 unless the person otherwise qualifies  
7 for a placard under that section.

8 (f) A person entitled to license plates under this section  
9 may elect to receive license plates issued under Chapter 502 under  
10 the same conditions for the issuance of license plates under this  
11 section.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.