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H.B. No. 1514

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked driver's  
3 licenses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 521.1235 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 521.1235. DESIGNATOR ON LICENSE ISSUED TO VETERAN.

8 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who:

9 (1) has served in:

10 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or  
11 marine corps of the United States; or

12 (B) the Texas National Guard as defined by  
13 Section 431.001, Government Code; and

14 (2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of  
15 the service in which the person served.

16 (b) The department shall include the designation "VETERAN"  
17 on a driver's license issued to a veteran in an available space  
18 either on the face of the driver's license or on the reverse side of  
19 the driver's license if:

20 (1) the veteran requests the designation; and

21 (2) the veteran provides proof of the veteran's  
22 military service and honorable discharge.

23 SECTION 2. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended  
24 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

- 1        (i) The application must provide space for the applicant:  
2                (1) to voluntarily list any military service that may  
3 qualify the applicant to receive a license with a veteran's  
4 designation under Section 521.1235; and  
5                (2) to include proof required by the department to  
6 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

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