

1-1 By: Isaac, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 1514
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2011;
1-3 May 2, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran
1-4 Affairs and Military Installations; May 12, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 12, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked driver's
1-10 licenses.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
1-13 is amended by adding Section 521.1235 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 521.1235. DESIGNATOR ON LICENSE ISSUED TO VETERAN.

1-15 (a) In this section, "veteran" means a person who:

1-16 (1) has served in:

1-17 (A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or
1-18 marine corps of the United States; or

1-19 (B) the Texas National Guard as defined by
1-20 Section 431.001, Government Code; and

1-21 (2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of
1-22 the service in which the person served.

1-23 (b) The department shall include the designation "VETERAN"
1-24 on a driver's license issued to a veteran in an available space
1-25 either on the face of the driver's license or on the reverse side of
1-26 the driver's license if:

1-27 (1) the veteran requests the designation; and

1-28 (2) the veteran provides proof of the veteran's
1-29 military service and honorable discharge.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 521.142, Transportation Code, is amended
1-31 by adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-32 (i) The application must provide space for the applicant:

1-33 (1) to voluntarily list any military service that may
1-34 qualify the applicant to receive a license with a veteran's
1-35 designation under Section 521.1235; and

1-36 (2) to include proof required by the department to
1-37 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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