

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 1514
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Current law provides that some veterans and military award recipients, including disabled veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, former prisoners of war, and recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Congressional Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star Medal, or Legion of Merit Medal, whose vehicles display specialty license plates are exempt from paying parking fees collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government. H.B. 1514 seeks to extend those same parking privileges to veterans who display World War II veterans specialty license plates.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 1514 amends the Transportation Code to exempt a vehicle on which specialty license plates for World War II veterans are displayed from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of the person who registered the vehicle under statutory provisions relating to specialty license plates for World War II veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2013.