

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 563  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

This bill requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a license plate to recognize individuals who have received the Defense Superior Service Medal while serving in the United States Department of Defense. There is no current law allowing for a license plate for the recipients of the medal.

S.B. 563 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Defense Superior Service Medal.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.319, as follows:

Sec. 504.319. DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS. Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Defense Superior Service Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this section include the words "Defense Superior Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, to require a person applying for a set of license plates under this subchapter (Specialty License Plates for the Military) to pay the registration fee required under Chapter 502 (Registration of Vehicles) and the applicable special plate fee required under this section, except that one set of license plates is required to be issued under Section 504.308 (Distinguished Flying Cross Medal Recipients), 504.315 (Military Specialty License Plates for Extraordinary Service), or 504.319 without the payment of the registration fee.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2013.