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H.B. No. 120

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of military specialty license plates;  
providing an exemption from a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection (h), license plates issued under this section to a person also entitled to license plates issued under Section 504.308, 504.315, ~~504.316~~, or 504.319 may, at the request of the person, include one emblem from the other license plates to which the person is entitled.

SECTION 2. Section 504.301, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license plate issued under this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this subchapter shall pay the registration fee required under Chapter 502 and the applicable special plate fee required under this section, except that one set of license plates shall be issued under Section 504.308, ~~504.315~~, or 504.319 without the payment of the registration fee.

1 SECTION 4. Section 504.315(a), Transportation Code, as  
2 added by Chapter 709 (H.B. 559), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,  
3 Regular Session, 2011, is amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
5 recipients of the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal with  
6 Valor. License plates issued under this subsection must include  
7 the Bronze Star Medal emblem and must include the words "Bronze Star  
8 Medal" at the bottom of each plate. License plates issued under  
9 this subsection to recipients of the Bronze Star Medal with Valor  
10 that are not personalized must also include the letter "V" as a  
11 prefix or suffix to the numerals on each plate. [~~Section 504.702~~  
12 ~~does not apply to license plates authorized by this subsection.~~]

13 SECTION 5. Section 504.315(a), Transportation Code, as  
14 added by Chapter 460 (S.B. 1755), Acts of the 82nd Legislature,  
15 Regular Session, 2011, is redesignated as Section 504.315(b),  
16 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

17 (b) [~~(a)~~] The department shall issue specialty license  
18 plates for recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal. License  
19 plates issued under this subsection must include the Distinguished  
20 Service Medal emblem and the words "Distinguished Service Medal" at  
21 the bottom of each plate. [~~Section 504.702 does not apply to~~  
22 ~~license plates authorized by this subsection.~~]

23 SECTION 6. Section 504.315(h), Transportation Code, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

25 (h) The department shall issue special license plates for  
26 recipients of the Silver Star Medal. License plates issued under  
27 this subsection must include the Silver Star Medal emblem and must

1 include the words "Silver Star Medal" at the bottom of each  
2 plate. [~~Section 504.702 does not apply to license plates~~  
3 ~~authorized by this subsection.~~]

4 SECTION 7. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
5 is amended by adding Section 504.319 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 504.319. DEFENSE SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL RECIPIENTS.  
7 The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients  
8 of the Defense Superior Service Medal. License plates issued under  
9 this section must include the words "Defense Superior Service  
10 Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

11 SECTION 8. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, is  
12 amended to read as follows:

13 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by  
14 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, 504.315,  
15 [~~Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h), or Section~~]  
16 504.316, or 504.319 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a  
17 parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a  
18 governmental authority other than a branch of the federal  
19 government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

20 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under  
21 Section 504.202(a), 504.315, [~~Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e),~~  
22 ~~(f), (g), or (h), or Section~~] 504.316, or 504.319;

23 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the  
24 vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

25 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying  
26 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

27 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.