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S.B. No. 164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked licenses  
3 to carry a concealed handgun and specially marked personal  
4 identification certificates.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 411.174, Government Code, is amended by  
7 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

8 (b-1) The application must provide space for the applicant  
9 to:

10 (1) list any military service that may qualify the  
11 applicant to receive a license with a veteran's designation under  
12 Section 411.179(e); and

13 (2) include proof required by the department to  
14 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

15 SECTION 2. Section 411.179, Government Code, is amended by  
16 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as  
17 follows:

18 (a) The department by rule shall adopt the form of the  
19 license. A license must include:

20 (1) a number assigned to the license holder by the  
21 department;

22 (2) a statement of the period for which the license is  
23 effective;

24 (3) a statement of the category or categories of

1 handguns the license holder may carry as provided by Subsection  
2 (b);

3 (4) a color photograph of the license holder;

4 (5) the license holder's full name, date of birth, hair  
5 and eye color, height, weight, and signature;

6 (6) the license holder's residence address or, as  
7 provided by Subsection (d), the street address of the courthouse in  
8 which the license holder or license holder's spouse serves as a  
9 federal judge or the license holder serves as a state judge; ~~and~~

10 (7) the number of a driver's license or an  
11 identification certificate issued to the license holder by the  
12 department; and

13 (8) the designation "VETERAN" if required under  
14 Subsection (e).

15 (e) In this subsection, "veteran" has the meaning assigned  
16 by Section 411.1951. The department shall include the designation  
17 "VETERAN" on the face of any original, duplicate, modified, or  
18 renewed license under this subchapter or on the reverse side of the  
19 license, as determined by the department, if the license is issued  
20 to a veteran who:

21 (1) requests the designation; and

22 (2) provides proof sufficient to the department of the  
23 veteran's military service and honorable discharge.

24 SECTION 3. Section 521.101, Transportation Code, is amended  
25 by adding Subsection (1) to read as follows:

26 (1) The application for the personal identification  
27 certificate must provide space for the applicant:

1           (1) to voluntarily list any military service that may  
2 qualify the applicant to receive a personal identification  
3 certificate with a veteran's designation under Section 521.102; and

4           (2) to include proof required by the department to  
5 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

6           SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,  
7 is amended by adding Section 521.102 to read as follows:

8           Sec. 521.102. DESIGNATOR ON PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION  
9 CERTIFICATE ISSUED TO VETERAN. (a) In this section, "veteran"  
10 means a person who:

11           (1) has served in:

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

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

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

18           (b) The department shall include the designation "VETERAN"  
19 on a personal identification certificate issued to a veteran in an  
20 available space on the face of the personal identification  
21 certificate or on the reverse side of the personal identification  
22 certificate if:

23           (1) the veteran requests the designation; and

24           (2) the veteran provides proof sufficient to the  
25 department of the veteran's military service and honorable  
26 discharge.

27           SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.