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S.B. No. 164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked licenses to carry a concealed handgun and specially marked personal identification certificates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) a statement of the category or categories of

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

(4) a color photograph of the license holder;

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

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

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

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

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

(1) requests the designation; and

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

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

(1) The application for the personal identification 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" means
10 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.