

AN ACT

relating to license plates issued to retired members of the military.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 504.303(b) and (c), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) The department shall include the word "Retired" for license plates issued to retired members of the United States armed forces ~~[who have completed 20 or more years of satisfactory federal service]~~.

(c) Satisfactory proof of eligibility for a license plate issued under this section to a retired member of the United States armed forces may be demonstrated by:

(1) a [A] letter from any branch of the military under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the United States Department of Homeland Security stating that a retired member has 20 or more years of satisfactory federal service; or

(2) an identification card issued by any branch of the military under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the United States Department of Homeland Security indicating that the member is retired ~~[is satisfactory proof of eligibility]~~.

SECTION 2. Sections 504.305(a) and (c), Transportation

1 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
3 for:

4 (1) active members of the Texas National Guard or
5 Texas State Guard;

6 (2) retired members of the Texas National Guard or
7 Texas State Guard [~~who have completed 20 or more years of~~
8 ~~satisfactory federal service~~]; and

9 (3) members of a reserve component of the United
10 States armed forces.

11 (c) Satisfactory proof of eligibility for a license plate
12 issued under this section to a retired member of the Texas National
13 Guard or Texas State Guard may be demonstrated by:

14 (1) a [A] letter from the United States Department of
15 Defense, the Department of the Army, or the Department of the Air
16 Force stating that a retired guard member has 20 or more years of
17 satisfactory federal service; or

18 (2) an identification card issued by the United States
19 Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, or the
20 Department of the Air Force indicating that the member is retired
21 [is satisfactory proof of eligibility].

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 789 was passed by the House on April 20, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 789 on May 18, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 128, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 789 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor