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H.B. No. 1128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Action Badge, Medal, or Ribbon.

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 may include, on request:

(1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or

(2) one emblem from another license plate to which the person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.315, 504.316, ~~or~~ 504.319, or 504.320.

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.320 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.320. COMBAT ACTION BADGE, MEDAL, OR RIBBON RECIPIENTS. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Action Badge. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Combat Action Badge Combat Infantryman emblem and must include the words "Combat Action Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

(b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Action Medal. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Combat Action Medal emblem and

1 must include the words "Combat Action Medal" at the bottom of each  
2 plate.

3 (c) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
4 recipients of the Combat Action Ribbon. License plates issued  
5 under this subsection must include the Combat Action Ribbon emblem  
6 and must include the words "Combat Action Ribbon" at the bottom of  
7 each plate.

8 (d) For purposes of Subsections (a) and (c), if a branch of  
9 the United States armed forces awards a Combat Action Badge or  
10 Ribbon with a unique emblem for each award of the Combat Action  
11 Badge or Ribbon to a recipient, the department shall only issue  
12 specialty license plates that include the unique emblem of the  
13 first award.

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