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H.B. No. 1273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain military specialty license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.311, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.311. SERVICE IN KOREA [~~KOREAN WAR VETERANS~~]. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United States armed forces:

(1) during the period beginning on June 27 [~~after June 26~~], 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who received the National Defense Service Medal;

(2) in a combat zone in Korea during the period beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who received the Korean Service Medal; or

(3) in the Korean Demilitarized Zone beginning on July 28, 1954, and who received the Korean Defense Service Medal [~~before February 1, 1955~~].

(b) License plates issued under this section must include the words "Korea Veteran[-]" and bear a depiction of the appropriate medal.

SECTION 2. Section 504.312, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United

1 States armed forces [~~during~~]:

2 (1) during the period beginning on January 1, 1961,
3 and ending on August 14, 1974, and who received the National Defense
4 Service Medal; or

5 (2) in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam
6 during the period beginning on July 1, 1958 [~~February 28, 1961~~],
7 and ending on March 28, 1973, and who received the Vietnam Service
8 Medal [~~May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the~~
9 ~~Republic of Vietnam during that period; or~~

10 [~~(2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and~~
11 ~~ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases].~~

12 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
13 the words "Vietnam Veteran[~~-~~]" and bear a depiction of the
14 appropriate medal.

15 SECTION 3. Section 504.313, Transportation Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM VETERANS. (a)
18 The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who
19 served in the United States armed forces:

20 (1) during the period beginning on [~~after~~] August 2,
21 [~~17~~] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the
22 National Defense Service Medal; or

23 (2) in a combat zone in support of Operation Desert
24 Shield or Desert Storm during the period beginning on August 2,
25 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the
26 Southwest Asia Service Medal [~~before April 12, 1991~~].

27 (b) License plates issued under this section must include

1 the words "Desert Shield/Storm/Provide Comfort[-]" and bear a
2 depiction of the appropriate medal.

3 SECTION 4. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection
6 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on
7 request:

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

9 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the
10 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.311, 504.312,
11 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.318, or 504.319.

12 SECTION 5. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not
13 required to issue specialty license plates under Sections 504.311,
14 504.312, and 504.313, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act,
15 until January 1, 2016.

16 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.