

AN ACT

relating to certain military specialty license plates.

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, 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.318, or 504.319.

SECTION 2. Section 504.3015(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The fee for the issuance of one set of specialty license plates issued under Section 504.315(d) [~~504.315(c), (d)~~] or (g) is \$3. There is no additional fee for a specialty license plate issued under another provision of this subchapter.

SECTION 3. 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~~

1 ~~26]~~, 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who received the  
2 National Defense Service Medal;

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

6 (3) in the Korean Demilitarized Zone beginning on July  
7 28, 1954, and who received the Korean Defense Service Medal [~~before~~  
8 ~~February 1, 1955~~].

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

12 SECTION 4. Section 504.312, Transportation Code, is amended  
13 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall  
15 issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United  
16 States armed forces [~~during~~]:

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

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

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

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

1 the words "Vietnam Veteran[~~-~~]" and bear a depiction of the  
2 appropriate medal.

3 SECTION 5. Section 504.313, Transportation Code, is amended  
4 to read as follows:

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

8 (1) during the period beginning on [after] August 2,  
9 [17] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the  
10 National Defense Service Medal; or

11 (2) in a combat zone in support of Operation Desert  
12 Shield or Desert Storm during the period beginning on August 2,  
13 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the  
14 Southwest Asia Service Medal [before April 12, 1991].

15 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
16 the words "Desert Shield/Storm/Provide Comfort[~~-~~]" and bear a  
17 depiction of the appropriate medal.

18 SECTION 6. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended  
19 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

20 (j) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
21 recipients of the Prisoner of War Medal. License plates issued  
22 under this subsection must include the Prisoner of War Medal emblem  
23 and must include the words "Prisoner of War Medal" at the bottom of  
24 each plate.

25 SECTION 7. Section 504.315(c), Transportation Code, is  
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 8. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not

1 required to issue specialty license plates under Sections [504.311](#),  
2 [504.312](#), [504.313](#), and [504.315](#), Transportation Code, as amended by  
3 this Act, until January 1, 2016.

4 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1273 was passed by the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1273 on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1273 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor