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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) after June 26, 1950, and before February 1, 1955, 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 February 1, 1955, and who received the Korean Service Medal; and

(3) in the Korean Demilitarized Zone after February 1, 1955, and who received the Korean Defense Service Medal.

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

(1) during the period beginning on January 1, 1961,

1 and ending on August 14, 1974, and who received the National Defense
2 Service Medal; or

3 (2) in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam
4 during the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May
5 7, 1975, and who received the Vietnam Service Medal [~~in the case of~~
6 ~~a veteran who served in the Republic of Vietnam during that period,~~
7 ~~or~~

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

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

13 SECTION 3. Section 504.313, Transportation Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

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

18 (1) during the period beginning on [after] August 2,
19 [17] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the
20 National Defense Service Medal; or

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

25 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
26 the words "Desert Storm[~~-~~]" and bear a depiction of the appropriate
27 medal.

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

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

- 6 (1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or
7 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the
8 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.311, 504.312,
9 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.318, or 504.319.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.