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No equivalent provision.

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

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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(e), (d),~~] or (g) is \$3. There is no additional fee for a specialty license plate issued under another provision of this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

SECTION 4. Same as House version.

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the United States armed forces [~~during~~]:

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM 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 [after] August 2, [+,] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the National Defense Service Medal; or

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

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

SECTION 5. Same as House version.

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SECTION 4. 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.

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

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

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

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

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

SECTION 8. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not required to issue specialty license plates under Sections 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, and 504.315, Transportation Code, as amended by this Act, until January 1, 2016.

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

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SECTION 9. Same as House version.

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