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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| C.S.H.B. 1525 |
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| Defense & Veterans' Affairs |
| Committee Report (Substituted) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties note that although Texas offers a variety of specialty license plates that honor our armed forces, none of those specialty license plates specifically honors submarine veterans. C.S.H.B. 1525 seeks to address this issue by creating a specialty license plate for persons who served on a submarine while in the U.S. Navy. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** C.S.H.B. 1525 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the U.S. Navy that include the words "Submarine Veteran" and a depiction of the Submarine Warfare insignia. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2017. |
| **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE**While C.S.H.B. 1525 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill. |
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| INTRODUCED | HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE |
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| SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.323 to read as follows:Sec. 504.323. SUBMARINE VETERANS. The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the United States Navy. The license plates must include the words "Submarine Veteran." | SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.323 to read as follows:Sec. 504.323. SUBMARINE VETERANS. The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the United States Navy. The license plates must include:(1) the words "Submarine Veteran"; and(2) a depiction of the Submarine Warfare insignia. |
| SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017. | SECTION 2. Same as introduced version. |

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