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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 4204 |
| By: Walle |
| Defense & Veterans' Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties note that certain toll-related benefits afforded to disabled military veterans do not transfer to the veteran's spouse once the veteran is deceased. H.B. 4204 seeks to address this issue by requiring a toll project entity's discount program for electronic toll collection to include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by a customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered with a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran specialty license plate. |
| **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**  H.B. 4204 amends the Transportation Code to require a discount program for electronic toll collection customers established by a toll project entity to include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by an electronic toll collection customer whose account relates to a vehicle registered with a surviving spouse of a disabled veteran specialty license plate. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |