By: Watson S.B. No. 769

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients

of the Combat Medical Badge.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 504.320, Transportation

Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th

Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.320. RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN COMBAT BADGES, MEDALS,

- 8 Sec. 504.320. <u>RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN COMBAT BADGES, MEDALS,</u>
 9 <u>OR RIBBONS [ACTION BADGE, MEDAL, OR RIBBON RECIPIENTS]</u>.
- SECTION 2. Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 14 (c-1) The department shall issue specialty license plates
 15 for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. License plates issued
 16 under this subsection must include the Combat Medical Badge emblem
 17 and must include the words "Combat Medical Badge" at the bottom of
 18 each plate.
- 19 (d) A specialty license plate issued under this section for
 20 a badge or ribbon that may be awarded more than once shall [For
 21 purposes of Subsections (a) and (c), if a branch of the United
 22 States armed forces awards a Combat Action Badge or Ribbon with a
 23 unique emblem for each award of the Combat Action Badge or Ribbon to
 24 a recipient, the department shall only issue specialty license

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- 1 plates that] include only the [unique] emblem of the first award
- 2 <u>badge or ribbon</u>.
- 3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.