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S.B. No. 1936

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specially marked driver's licenses and personal identification certificates to disabled veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 521.011, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 521.011. SERVICES INFORMATION FOR VETERANS. The department and the Texas Veterans Commission shall jointly develop a one-page informational paper about veterans services provided by this state for veterans who receive:

(1) a driver's license with a designation under Section 521.1235; or

(2) a personal identification certificate with a ~~[veteran's]~~ designation under Section 521.102 ~~[a one-page informational paper about veterans services provided by this state]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 521.101(1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(1) The application for the personal identification certificate must provide space for the applicant:

(1) to voluntarily list any information ~~[military service]~~ that may qualify the applicant to receive a personal identification certificate with a ~~[veteran's]~~ designation under Section 521.102; and

1 (2) to include proof required by the department to
2 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

3 SECTION 3. Section 521.102, Transportation Code, is amended
4 by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1)
5 and (d) to read as follows:

6 (a) In this section: ~~[7]~~

7 (1) "Disability rating" has the meaning assigned by
8 Section 11.22, Tax Code.

9 (2) "Disabled veteran" and "veteran" have the meanings
10 assigned by Section 521.1235 ~~[means a person who:~~

11 ~~[(1) has served in:~~

12 ~~[(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or~~
13 ~~marine corps of the United States; or~~

14 ~~[(B) the Texas National Guard as defined by~~
15 ~~Section 431.001, Government Code; and~~

16 ~~[(2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of~~
17 ~~the service in which the person served].~~

18 (b-1) If a disabled veteran provides proof sufficient to the
19 department, the department, on request of the disabled veteran,
20 shall include on a personal identification certificate issued to
21 the disabled veteran in any available space on the face of the
22 personal identification certificate or on the reverse side of the
23 personal identification certificate:

24 (1) a disabled veteran designation;

25 (2) the disabled veteran's service-connected
26 disability rating; and

27 (3) the branch of the service in which the disabled

1 veteran served.

2 (c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a
3 personal identification certificate with a [~~veteran's~~] designation
4 under this section the informational paper described by Section
5 521.011 at the time the certificate is issued.

6 (d) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of
7 obtaining a service or benefit available for disabled veterans in
8 this state, a disabled veteran may use a personal identification
9 certificate described by Subsection (b-1) as satisfactory proof of
10 the disabled veteran's disability rating, branch of service, and
11 honorable discharge.

12 SECTION 4. Section 521.1235, Transportation Code, is
13 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections
14 (b-1) and (d) to read as follows:

15 (a) In this section:

16 (1) "Disability rating" has the meaning assigned by
17 Section 11.22, Tax Code.

18 (2) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who has
19 suffered a service-connected disability with a disability rating
20 of:

21 (A) at least 50 percent; or

22 (B) 40 percent if the rating is due to the
23 amputation of a lower extremity.

24 (3) "Veteran" [~~,"veteran"~~] means a person who:

25 (A) [~~(1)~~] has served in:

26 (i) [~~(A)~~] the army, navy, air force, coast
27 guard, or marine corps of the United States; or

1 (ii) [~~(B)~~] the Texas National Guard as
2 defined by Section 437.001, Government Code; and

3 (B) [~~(2)~~] has been honorably discharged from the
4 branch of the service in which the person served.

5 **(b-1) If a disabled veteran provides proof sufficient to the**
6 **department, the department, on request of the disabled veteran,**
7 **shall include on a driver's license issued to the disabled veteran**
8 **in any available space on the face of the driver's license or on the**
9 **reverse side of the driver's license:**

10 **(1) a disabled veteran designation;**

11 **(2) the disabled veteran's service-connected**
12 **disability rating; and**

13 **(3) the branch of the service in which the disabled**
14 **veteran served.**

15 (c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a
16 driver's license with a [~~veteran's~~] designation under this section
17 the informational paper described by Section 521.011 at the time
18 the license is issued.

19 **(d) Notwithstanding any other law, for purposes of**
20 **obtaining a service or benefit available for disabled veterans in**
21 **this state, a disabled veteran may use a driver's license described**
22 **by Subsection (b-1) as satisfactory proof of the disabled veteran's**
23 **disability rating, branch of service, and honorable discharge.**

24 SECTION 5. Section 521.142(i), Transportation Code, is
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (i) The application must provide space for the applicant:

27 (1) to voluntarily list any information [~~military~~

1 ~~service]~~ that may qualify the applicant to receive a license with a
2 ~~[veteran's]~~ designation under Section [521.1235](#); and

3 (2) to include proof required by the department to
4 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.