

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

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H.B. No. 377

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to surviving
spouses of certain military veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.302, Transportation Code, is amended
by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as
follows:

(a-1) The surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible
for a specialty license plate under Section 504.308, 504.310,
504.315, 504.316, or 504.319 is entitled to register one vehicle
under the applicable section as long as the spouse remains
unmarried.

(b) An applicant [~~for registration~~] under this section must
submit proof of the eligibility of the applicant's deceased spouse
for the applicable specialty license plate.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2017

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:

Larry Shaw
Secretary of the Senate

Byron Hylton

1 Amend H.B. No. 377 (senate committee report) by adding the
2 following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 504.308, Transportation Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 504.308. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL RECIPIENTS.

7 ~~[(a)]~~ The department shall issue specialty license plates for
8 persons who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal
9 and Distinguished Flying Cross medal with Valor. The license
10 plates must bear a depiction of the Distinguished Flying Cross
11 medal and the words "Distinguished Flying Cross" at the bottom
12 of each license plate. License plates issued under this section
13 to recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross medal with Valor
14 that are not personalized must also include the letter "V" as a
15 prefix or suffix to the numerals on each plate.

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO.

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ADOPTED

MAY 24 2017 BY:

Jose Rodriguez

Lately Shaw
Secretary of the Senate

1 Amend H.B. No. 377 (senate committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and
3 renumbering the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION ____ . Section 504.317, Transportation Code, is
5 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

6 (b-1) A person is eligible to receive specialty license
7 plates under this section if the person is the surviving spouse
8 of a person who had been entitled to specialty plates for
9 veterans with disabilities under Section 504.202, regardless of
10 whether the deceased spouse was issued plates under that
11 section.

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MAY 24 2017

Letay Daw
Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 3

BY:

Byron Byrd

1 Amend H.B. No. 377 (senate committee printing) by adding
2 the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and
3 renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION _____. Section 521.011, Transportation Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 SECTION _____. Section 521.102, Transportation Code, is
28 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding
29 Subsections (b-1), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(a) In this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) a disabled veteran designation; and

(2) the branch of the service in which the disabled veteran served.

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

(d) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by Subsection (e), for purposes of obtaining a service or benefit available for disabled veterans in this state, a disabled veteran may use a personal identification certificate described by Subsection (b-1) as satisfactory proof:

(1) that the disabled veteran has a disability rating

1 described by Section 521.1235(a)(2)(A) or (B), as applicable;
2 and

3 (2) of branch of service and honorable discharge.

4 (e) A personal identification certificate described by
5 Subsection (b-1) is not satisfactory proof of the disabled
6 veteran's disability rating for purposes of obtaining a property
7 tax exemption provided by Chapter 11, Tax Code.

8 (f) A disabled veteran who renews a personal
9 identification certificate described by Subsection (b-1) shall
10 provide proof sufficient to the department of the disabled
11 veteran's disability rating.

12 SECTION ____ . Section 521.1235, Transportation Code, is
13 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding
14 Subsections (b-1), (d), (e), and (f) 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

28 (ii) [+B+] the Texas National Guard as
29 defined by Section 437.001, Government Code; and

30 (B) [+2+] has been honorably discharged from the
31 branch of the service in which the person served.

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

6 (1) a disabled veteran designation; and

7 (2) the branch of the service in which the disabled
8 veteran served.

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

13 (d) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided
14 by Subsection (e), for purposes of obtaining a service or
15 benefit available for disabled veterans in this state, a
16 disabled veteran may use a driver's license described by
17 Subsection (b-1) as satisfactory proof:

18 (1) that the disabled veteran has a disability rating
19 described by Subsection (a)(2)(A) or (B), as applicable; and

20 (2) of branch of service and honorable discharge.

21 (e) A driver's license described by Subsection (b-1) is
22 not satisfactory proof of the disabled veteran's disability
23 rating for purposes of obtaining a property tax exemption
24 provided by Chapter 11, Tax Code.

25 (f) A disabled veteran who renews a driver's license
26 described by Subsection (b-1) shall provide proof sufficient to
27 the department of the disabled veteran's disability rating.

28 SECTION ____ . Section 521.142(i), Transportation Code, is
29 amended to read as follows:

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

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

1 ~~service]~~ that may qualify the applicant to receive a license
2 with a [~~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
5 designation.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2017

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB377 by Oliverson (Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to surviving spouses of certain military veterans.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 504 of the Transportation Code to authorize the surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible for a Distinguished Flying Cross specialty license plate, World War II Veteran specialty license plate, Military Specialty License Plate for Extraordinary Service, Legion of Merit Medal Recipient specialty license plate, or a Defense Superior Service Medal Recipient specialty license plate to register one vehicle with that specialty license plate as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

Under current law, one set of specialty license plates for the Distinguished Flying Cross, Extraordinary Service, and the Defense Superior Service Medal may be issued without payment of the vehicle registration fees required in Chapter 502 of the Transportation Code. The bill would allow the surviving spouse of a person who would be eligible for a set of any of these plates to register one vehicle with the specialty plate without payment of the registration fee. Based on the information and analysis provided by the DMV, it is assumed implementation of the bill would not result in a significant impact to state and local revenue collections from vehicle registration fees.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, SLE, LBO, EH, TG

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 29, 2017

TO: Honorable Donna Campbell, Chair, Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs & Border Security

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB377 by Oliverson (Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to surviving spouses of certain military veterans.), **As Engrossed**

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 14, 2017

TO: Honorable Roland Gutierrez, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB377 by Oliverson (Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to surviving spouses of certain military veterans.), **As Introduced**

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