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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 3343 |
| By: Wilson |
| Defense & Veterans' Affairs |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** It has been noted that state and local law enforcement agencies may award a Purple Heart to officers or personnel who are wounded or killed in the line of duty. There have been calls to honor these recipients with a specialty license plate. H.B. 3343 seeks to recognize the selfless service of these individuals by providing for the issuance of a specialty license plate for certain Purple Heart recipients. |
| **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. 3343 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of a Purple Heart awarded by the Department of Public Safety or another law enforcement agency in Texas. The bill sets the fee for issuance of one set of license plates at $3 and requires a person issued the plates to be issued one set of license plates without payment of the requisite vehicle registration fee. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2019. |