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H.B. No. 1844

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing certain optional designations on a person's
3 driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal
4 identification certificate.

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

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

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

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

14 (2) a commercial driver's license with a designation
15 under Section 522.0301; or

16 (3) a personal identification certificate with a
17 designation under Section 521.102.

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

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

22 (1) to voluntarily list any information that may
23 qualify the applicant to receive a personal identification
24 certificate with a designation under Section 521.102 or 521.105;

1 and

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

4 SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
5 is amended by adding Section 521.105 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 521.105. CERTAIN OPTIONAL DESIGNATIONS ON PERSONAL
7 IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE. (a) Subject to available funds, the
8 department shall include on a personal identification certificate
9 issued to a person who:

10 (1) holds a lifetime resident hunting, fishing, or
11 combination hunting and fishing license issued under Section
12 42.0021, 46.004(d), or 50.001(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
13 applicable, a designation indicating the person's status as a
14 holder of the applicable license if the person:

15 (A) requests the designation; and

16 (B) provides proof sufficient to the department
17 that the person is a holder of the applicable license; or

18 (2) has been assigned a unique identifier under
19 Section 18.061, Election Code, a designation indicating the
20 person's unique identifier assigned under that section if the
21 person requests the designation.

22 (b) The department by rule may establish additional
23 designations that may be included on a personal identification
24 certificate issued to a person who:

25 (1) requests the designation; and

26 (2) provides proof sufficient to the department that
27 the person is eligible to receive the designation.

1 (c) The department may enter into an agreement with the
2 secretary of state for purposes of verifying under this section or
3 Section 521.128 or 522.0302 a person's unique identifier assigned
4 under Section 18.061, Election Code.

5 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 521, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 521.128 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 521.128. CERTAIN OPTIONAL DESIGNATIONS ON DRIVER'S
8 LICENSE. (a) Subject to available funds, the department shall
9 include on a driver's license issued to a person who:

10 (1) holds a lifetime resident hunting, fishing, or
11 combination hunting and fishing license issued under Section
12 42.0021, 46.004(d), or 50.001(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
13 applicable, a designation indicating the person's status as a
14 holder of the applicable license if the person:

15 (A) requests the designation; and

16 (B) provides proof sufficient to the department
17 that the person is a holder of the applicable license; or

18 (2) has been assigned a unique identifier under
19 Section 18.061, Election Code, a designation indicating the
20 person's unique identifier assigned under that section if the
21 person requests the designation.

22 (b) The department by rule may establish additional
23 designations that may be included on a driver's license issued to a
24 person who:

25 (1) requests the designation; and

26 (2) provides proof sufficient to the department that
27 the person is eligible to receive the designation.

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

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

4 (1) to voluntarily list any information that may
5 qualify the applicant to receive a license with a designation under
6 Section 521.1235 or 521.128; and

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

9 SECTION 6. Section 522.021, Transportation Code, is amended
10 by adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

11 (f) The application must provide space for the applicant:

12 (1) to voluntarily list any information that may
13 qualify the applicant to receive a license with a designation under
14 Section 522.0301 or 522.0302; and

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

17 SECTION 7. Subchapter C, Chapter 522, Transportation Code,
18 is amended by adding Sections 522.0301 and 522.0302 to read as
19 follows:

20 Sec. 522.0301. DESIGNATION ON COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE
21 ISSUED TO VETERAN. (a) In this section:

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

24 (2) "Disabled veteran" and "veteran" have the meanings
25 assigned by Section 521.1235.

26 (b) The department shall include the designation "VETERAN"
27 on a commercial driver's license issued to a veteran in an available

1 space on the face of the commercial driver's license or on the
2 reverse side of the commercial driver's license if:

- 3 (1) the veteran requests the designation; and
4 (2) the veteran provides proof sufficient to the
5 department of the veteran's military service and honorable
6 discharge.

7 (c) If a disabled veteran provides proof sufficient to the
8 department, the department, on request of the disabled veteran,
9 shall include on a commercial driver's license issued to the
10 disabled veteran in any available space on the face of the
11 commercial driver's license or on the reverse side of the
12 commercial driver's license:

- 13 (1) a disabled veteran designation; and
14 (2) the branch of the service in which the disabled
15 veteran served.

16 (d) The department shall provide to the recipient of a
17 commercial driver's license with a designation under this section
18 the informational paper described by Section 521.011 at the time
19 the license is issued.

20 (e) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
21 Subsection (f), for purposes of obtaining a service or benefit
22 available for disabled veterans in this state, a disabled veteran
23 may use a commercial driver's license described by Subsection (c)
24 as satisfactory proof:

- 25 (1) that the disabled veteran has a disability rating
26 described by Section 521.1235(a)(2)(A) or (B), as applicable; and
27 (2) of branch of service and honorable discharge.

1 (f) A commercial driver's license described by Subsection
2 (c) is not satisfactory proof of the disabled veteran's disability
3 rating for purposes of obtaining a property tax exemption provided
4 by Chapter 11, Tax Code.

5 (g) A disabled veteran who renews a commercial driver's
6 license described by Subsection (c) shall provide proof sufficient
7 to the department of the disabled veteran's disability rating.

8 Sec. 522.0302. CERTAIN OPTIONAL DESIGNATIONS ON COMMERCIAL
9 DRIVER'S LICENSE. (a) Subject to available funds, the department
10 shall include on a commercial driver's license issued to a person
11 who:

12 (1) holds a lifetime resident hunting, fishing, or
13 combination hunting and fishing license issued under Section
14 42.0021, 46.004(d), or 50.001(b), Parks and Wildlife Code, as
15 applicable, a designation indicating the person's status as a
16 holder of the applicable license if the person:

17 (A) requests the designation; and

18 (B) provides proof sufficient to the department
19 that the person is a holder of the applicable license; or

20 (2) has been assigned a unique identifier under
21 Section 18.061, Election Code, a designation indicating the
22 person's unique identifier assigned under that section if the
23 person requests the designation.

24 (b) The department by rule may establish additional
25 designations that may be included on a commercial driver's license
26 issued to a person who:

27 (1) requests the designation; and

1 (2) provides proof sufficient to the department that
2 the person is eligible to receive the designation.

3 SECTION 8. The changes in law made by this Act to Chapters
4 521 and 522, Transportation Code, apply only to a driver's license,
5 commercial driver's license, or personal identification
6 certificate issued or renewed under Chapter 521 or 522,
7 Transportation Code, on or after September 1, 2021.

8 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.