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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients
3 of certain Texas military awards.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection
8 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on
9 request:

- 10 (1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or
11 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the
12 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.309, 504.310(b),
13 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316,
14 504.3161, 504.318, 504.319, 504.320, 504.323, [~~as added by Chapter~~
15 ~~1085 (H.B. 3567), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session,~~
16 ~~2017, or~~] 504.325, 504.327, 504.328, 504.329, 504.330, 504.331,
17 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, 504.335, 504.336, 504.337, 504.338,
18 504.339, 504.340, 504.341, 504.342, 504.343, 504.344, 504.345,
19 504.346, or 504.347.

20 SECTION 2. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended
21 by adding Subsections (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), and (w) to read as
22 follows:

23 (r) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
24 recipients of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. License plates

1 issued under this subsection must include the Texas Legislative
2 Medal of Honor emblem and must include the words "Texas Legislative
3 Medal of Honor" at the bottom of each plate.

4 (s) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
5 recipients of the Lone Star Medal of Valor. License plates issued
6 under this subsection must include the Lone Star Medal of Valor
7 emblem and must include the words "Lone Star Medal of Valor" at the
8 bottom of each plate.

9 (t) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
10 recipients of the Texas Purple Heart Medal. License plates issued
11 under this subsection must include the Texas Purple Heart Medal
12 emblem and must include the words "Texas Purple Heart Medal" at the
13 bottom of each plate.

14 (u) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
15 recipients of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. License
16 plates issued under this subsection must include the Lone Star
17 Distinguished Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Lone
18 Star Distinguished Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

19 (v) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
20 recipients of the Texas Outstanding Service Medal. License plates
21 issued under this subsection must include the Texas Outstanding
22 Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Texas Outstanding
23 Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

24 (w) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
25 recipients of the Texas Medal of Merit. License plates issued under
26 this subsection must include the Texas Medal of Merit emblem and
27 must include the words "Texas Medal of Merit" at the bottom of each

1 plate.

2 SECTION 3. Section 504.320, Transportation Code, is amended
3 by adding Subsection (c-3) to read as follows:

4 (c-3) The department shall issue specialty license plates
5 for recipients of the Texas Combat Service Ribbon. License plates
6 issued under this subsection must include the words "Texas Combat
7 Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

8 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
9 is amended by adding Sections 504.327, 504.328, 504.329, 504.330,
10 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, 504.335, 504.336, 504.337,
11 504.338, 504.339, 504.340, 504.341, 504.342, 504.343, 504.344,
12 504.345, 504.346, and 504.347 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 504.327. FEDERAL SERVICE MEDAL. The department shall
14 issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Federal
15 Service Medal. The license plates must include:

- 16 (1) the words "Federal Service Medal"; and
17 (2) a depiction of the Federal Service Medal emblem.

18 Sec. 504.328. TEXAS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL. The
19 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
20 the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal. The license plates must
21 include:

- 22 (1) the words "Texas Humanitarian Service Medal"; and
23 (2) a depiction of the Texas Humanitarian Service
24 Medal emblem.

25 Sec. 504.329. TEXAS HOMELAND DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. The
26 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
27 the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal. The license plates must

1 include:

2 (1) the words "Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal";

3 and

4 (2) a depiction of the Texas Homeland Defense Service
5 Medal emblem.

6 Sec. 504.330. TEXAS SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL. The department
7 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas
8 Superior Service Medal who are members or former members of the
9 Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001, Government
10 Code. The license plates must include:

11 (1) the words "Texas Superior Service Medal"; and

12 (2) a depiction of the Texas Superior Service Medal
13 emblem.

14 Sec. 504.331. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S INDIVIDUAL AWARD. The
15 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
16 the Adjutant General's Individual Award. The license plates must
17 include:

18 (1) the words "Adjutant General's Individual Award";

19 and

20 (2) a depiction of the Adjutant General's Individual
21 Award emblem.

22 Sec. 504.332. COMMANDING GENERAL'S INDIVIDUAL AWARD. The
23 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
24 the Commanding General's Individual Award. The license plates must
25 include:

26 (1) the words "Commanding General's Individual Award";

27 and

1 (2) a depiction of the Commanding General's Individual
2 Award emblem.

3 Sec. 504.333. TEXAS STATE GUARD MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON.
4 The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients
5 of the Texas State Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon. The license
6 plates must include:

7 (1) the words "Texas State Guard Meritorious Service
8 Ribbon"; and

9 (2) a depiction of the Texas State Guard Meritorious
10 Service Ribbon emblem.

11 Sec. 504.334. TEXAS STATE GUARD RECRUITING RIBBON. The
12 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
13 the Texas State Guard Recruiting Ribbon. The license plates must
14 include:

15 (1) the words "Texas State Guard Recruiting Ribbon";
16 and

17 (2) a depiction of the Texas State Guard Recruiting
18 Ribbon emblem.

19 Sec. 504.335. TEXAS COLD WAR MEDAL. The department shall
20 issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Cold War
21 Medal. The license plates must include:

22 (1) the words "Texas Cold War Medal"; and

23 (2) a depiction of the Texas Cold War Medal emblem.

24 Sec. 504.336. TEXAS CAVALRY SERVICE MEDAL. The department
25 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas
26 Cavalry Service Medal. The license plates must include:

27 (1) the words "Texas Cavalry Service Medal"; and

1 (2) a depiction of the Texas Cavalry Service Medal
2 emblem.

3 Sec. 504.337. TEXAS FAITHFUL SERVICE MEDAL. The department
4 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas
5 Faithful Service Medal. The license plates must include:

6 (1) the words "Texas Faithful Service Medal"; and

7 (2) a depiction of the Texas Faithful Service Medal
8 emblem.

9 Sec. 504.338. TEXAS STATE GUARD SERVICE MEDAL. The
10 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
11 the Texas State Guard Service Medal. The license plates must
12 include:

13 (1) the words "Texas State Guard Service Medal"; and

14 (2) a depiction of the Texas State Guard Service Medal
15 emblem.

16 Sec. 504.339. OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON. The
17 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
18 the Officer Professional Development Ribbon. The license plates
19 must include:

20 (1) the words "Officer Professional Development
21 Ribbon"; and

22 (2) a depiction of the Officer Professional
23 Development Ribbon emblem.

24 Sec. 504.340. NCO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON. The
25 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
26 the NCO Professional Development Ribbon. The license plates must
27 include:

1 (1) the words "NCO Professional Development Ribbon";

2 and

3 (2) a depiction of the NCO Professional Development
4 Ribbon emblem.

5 Sec. 504.341. ENLISTED PERSONNEL BASIC TRAINING RIBBON.

6 The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients
7 of the Enlisted Personnel Basic Training Ribbon. The license
8 plates must include:

9 (1) the words "Enlisted Personnel Basic Training
10 Ribbon"; and

11 (2) a depiction of the Enlisted Personnel Basic
12 Training Ribbon emblem.

13 Sec. 504.342. PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON. The department
14 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Physical
15 Fitness Ribbon. The license plates must include:

16 (1) the words "Physical Fitness Ribbon"; and

17 (2) a depiction of the Physical Fitness Ribbon emblem.

18 Sec. 504.343. TEXAS GOVERNOR'S UNIT CITATION. The
19 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
20 the Texas Governor's Unit Citation. The license plates must
21 include:

22 (1) the words "Texas Governor's Unit Citation"; and

23 (2) a depiction of the Texas Governor's Unit Citation
24 emblem.

25 Sec. 504.344. MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD. The department shall
26 issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Meritorious
27 Unit Award. The license plates must include:

1 (1) the words "Meritorious Unit Award"; and

2 (2) a depiction of the Meritorious Unit Award emblem.

3 Sec. 504.345. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD. The
4 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
5 the Organizational Excellence Award. The license plates must
6 include:

7 (1) the words "Organizational Excellence Award"; and

8 (2) a depiction of the Organizational Excellence Award
9 emblem.

10 Sec. 504.346. TEXAS STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION RIBBON. The
11 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
12 the Texas State Guard Association Ribbon. The license plates
13 issued under this subsection must include the words "Texas State
14 Guard Association Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

15 Sec. 504.347. STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
16 CITATION AND RIBBONS. (a) The department shall issue specialty
17 license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the
18 United States Ribbon. The license plates issued under this
19 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
20 United States Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

21 (b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
22 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States
23 Superior Unit Citation. The license plates issued under this
24 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
25 United States Superior Unit Citation" at the bottom of each plate.

26 (c) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
27 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States

1 Distinguished Service Ribbon. The license plates issued under this
2 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
3 United States Distinguished Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each
4 plate.

5 (d) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
6 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States
7 Meritorious Service Ribbon. The license plates issued under this
8 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
9 United States Meritorious Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each
10 plate.

11 (e) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
12 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States
13 Commendation Ribbon. The license plates issued under this
14 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
15 United States Commendation Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

16 (f) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
17 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States
18 Achievement Ribbon. The license plates issued under this
19 subsection must include the words "State Guard Association of the
20 United States Achievement Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

21 (g) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
22 recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States
23 Service Ribbon. The license plates issued under this subsection
24 must include the words "State Guard Association of the United
25 States Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

26 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
27 over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021,

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1 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
2 codes.

3 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.