By:  Lujan, Morales of Maverick H.B. No. 2503

     (Senate Sponsor - Flores)

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2023; May 5, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                 Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Nichols           X

West              X

Alvarado          X

Eckhardt          X

Hancock           X

King              X

Miles             X

Parker            X

Perry             X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for veterans with disabilities and recipients of the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal and federal Humanitarian Service Medal.

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

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

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

(1)  the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or

(2)  one emblem from another license plate to which the person is entitled under Section 504.307, 504.308, 504.309, 504.310(b), 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.3161, 504.318, 504.319, 504.320, 504.323, 504.325, [~~or~~] 504.327, 504.331, or 504.332.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 504.331 and 504.332 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.331.  TEXAS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL. The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal. The license plates must include:

(1)  the words "Texas Humanitarian Service Medal"; and

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

Sec. 504.332.  FEDERAL HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL. The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the federal Humanitarian Service Medal. The license plates must include:

(1)  the words "Humanitarian Service Medal"; and

(2)  a depiction of the federal Humanitarian Service Medal emblem.

SECTION 3.  It is the intent of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, that the amendments made by this Act be harmonized with another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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