By:  Kacal (Senate Sponsor - Birdwell) H.B. No. 5142

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023; May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 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 specially marked driver's licenses and personal identification certificates to veterans.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 521.102, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2)  For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), the department must accept a veteran identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or an identification card issued by the United States Department of Defense as sufficient proof of the veteran's military service and honorable discharge.

SECTION 2.  Section 521.1235, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(b-2)  For purposes of Subsection (b)(2), the department must accept a veteran identification card issued by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or an identification card issued by the United States Department of Defense as sufficient proof of the veteran's military service and honorable discharge.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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