By:  Zaffirini, Hall S.B. No. 280

(In the Senate - Filed December 14, 2022; February 15, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation; March 29, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; March 29, 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 members of the military who served in Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

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

SECTION 1.  This Act may be cited as the Marine Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza Act.

SECTION 2.  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 504.308, 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, or 504.331.

SECTION 3.  Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.331 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.331.  OPERATION FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United States armed services and participated in Operation Freedom's Sentinel. The license plates must include the words "Freedom's Sentinel."

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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