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H.B. No. 282

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of certain Texas military awards.

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 504.308, 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 2. Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this subchapter shall pay the registration fee required under Chapter 502 and the applicable special plate fee required under this section, except that one set of license plates shall be issued without the payment of the registration fee under:

(1) Section 504.308;

(2) Section 504.310(b);

1 (3) Section 504.315, other than Subsections (c) and
2 (q) of that section; ~~and~~

3 (4) Section 504.319; and

4 (5) Section 504.331.

5 SECTION 3. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended
6 by adding Subsections (s), (t), and (u) to read as follows:

7 (s) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
8 recipients of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. License
9 plates issued under this subsection must include the Lone Star
10 Distinguished Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Lone
11 Star Distinguished Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

12 (t) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
13 recipients of the Texas Outstanding Service Medal. License plates
14 issued under this subsection must include the Texas Outstanding
15 Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Texas Outstanding
16 Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

17 (u) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
18 recipients of the Texas Medal of Merit. License plates issued under
19 this subsection must include the Texas Medal of Merit emblem and
20 must include the words "Texas Medal of Merit" at the bottom of each
21 plate.

22 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
23 is amended by adding Section 504.331 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 504.331. TEXAS HOMELAND DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. The
25 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
26 the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal. The license plates must
27 include the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal emblem and must

1 include the words "Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal" at the
2 bottom of each plate.

3 SECTION 5. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
4 over another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
5 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
6 codes.

7 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.