

1-1 By: Swanson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 282  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 24, 2023;  
 1-3 April 24, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-4 Transportation; May 11, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;  
 1-6 May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 282 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for Gold Star  
 1-22 family members and recipients of certain Texas military awards.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is  
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection  
 1-27 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on  
 1-28 request:

1-29 (1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or

1-30 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the  
 1-31 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.309, 504.310(b),  
 1-32 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316,  
 1-33 504.3161, 504.318, 504.319, 504.320, 504.323, 504.325, ~~[e-]~~  
 1-34 504.327, 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, or 504.335.

1-35 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
 1-36 is amended by adding Sections 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334,  
 1-37 and 504.335 to read as follows:

1-38 Sec. 504.331. TEXAS HOMELAND DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. The  
 1-39 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of  
 1-40 the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal. The license plates must  
 1-41 include the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal emblem and must  
 1-42 include the words "Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal" at the  
 1-43 bottom of each plate.

1-44 Sec. 504.332. TEXAS SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL. The department  
 1-45 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas  
 1-46 Superior Service Medal. The license plates must include the Texas  
 1-47 Superior Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Texas  
 1-48 Superior Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

1-49 Sec. 504.333. LONE STAR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. The  
 1-50 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of  
 1-51 the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. The license plates must  
 1-52 include the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal emblem and must  
 1-53 include the words "Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal" at the  
 1-54 bottom of each plate.

1-55 Sec. 504.334. TEXAS OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEDAL. The  
 1-56 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of  
 1-57 the Texas Outstanding Service Medal. The license plates must  
 1-58 include the Texas Outstanding Service Medal emblem and must include  
 1-59 the words "Texas Outstanding Service Medal" at the bottom of each  
 1-60 plate.

2-1 Sec. 504.335. TEXAS MEDAL OF MERIT. The department shall  
2-2 issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Medal of  
2-3 Merit. The license plates must include the Texas Medal of Merit  
2-4 emblem and must include the words "Texas Medal of Merit" at the  
2-5 bottom of each plate.

2-6 SECTION 3. Section 504.512(a-1), Transportation Code, is  
2-7 amended to read as follows:

2-8 (a-1) In this section "immediate family member" means the  
2-9 parent, child, ~~or~~ sibling, adoptive parent, adoptive child,  
2-10 foster parent, foster child, stepparent, or stepchild of a person  
2-11 who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

2-12 SECTION 4. It is the intent of the 88th Legislature, Regular  
2-13 Session, 2023, that the amendments made by this Act be harmonized  
2-14 with another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,  
2-15 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted  
2-16 codes.

2-17 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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