

1-1 By: Ortega, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Blanco) H.B. No. 1633  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;  
1-3 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Veteran Affairs; May 10, 2023, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 10, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to certain offenses regarding parking privileges of  
1-18 veterans with disabilities.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 681.011, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-21 by adding Subsections (m), (n), and (o) to read as follows:

1-22 (m) Subsections (n) and (o) apply only to a person who  
1-23 commits an offense under Subsection (b) when the vehicle:

1-24 (1) displays special license plates issued under  
1-25 Section 504.202 other than special license plates issued under  
1-26 Section 504.202(b-1); and

1-27 (2) does not display a disabled parking placard.

1-28 (n) Notwithstanding Subsections (g)-(k), an offense  
1-29 described by Subsection (m) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of  
1-30 not less than \$25 or more than \$200 or not more than 10 hours of  
1-31 community service, except that:

1-32 (1) if the person has previously been convicted one  
1-33 time of an offense described by Subsection (m) or received a  
1-34 dismissal under Subsection (o), the offense is punishable by:

1-35 (A) a fine of not less than \$200 or more than  
1-36 \$400; or

1-37 (B) not less than 10 hours or more than 20 hours  
1-38 of community service; and

1-39 (2) if the person has previously been convicted two  
1-40 times of an offense described by Subsection (m) or if the person has  
1-41 previously received a dismissal under Subsection (o) and previously  
1-42 been convicted one time of an offense described by Subsection (m),  
1-43 the offense is punishable by:

1-44 (A) a fine of not less than \$400 or more than  
1-45 \$750; or

1-46 (B) not less than 20 hours or more than 30 hours  
1-47 of community service.

1-48 (o) The court shall dismiss a charge for an offense  
1-49 described by Subsection (m) if the person:

1-50 (1) has not been previously convicted of an offense  
1-51 described by that subsection;

1-52 (2) has not previously received a dismissal under this  
1-53 subsection; and

1-54 (3) submits an application for a specialty license  
1-55 plate that includes the symbol described by Section 504.201(f)  
1-56 within six months after the date the person was charged with the  
1-57 offense.

1-58 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-59 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-60 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-61 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,

2-1 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
2-2 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
2-3 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
2-4 before that date.

2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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