

1-1 By: Wilson (Senate Sponsor - Hancock) H.B. No. 4861
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Transportation; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the design and issuance of specialty license plates to
 1-20 honor members of the military and for recipients of certain
 1-21 military awards.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is
 1-24 amended to read as follows:

1-25 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection
 1-26 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on
 1-27 request:

- 1-28 (1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or
- 1-29 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the
 1-30 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.309, 504.310(b),
 1-31 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316,
 1-32 504.3161, 504.318, 504.319, 504.320, 504.323, 504.325, ~~[e-]~~
 1-33 504.327, 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, or 504.335.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 504.301, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-35 by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-36 (a-1) The department may consider recommendations for the
 1-37 design of specialty license plates under Subsection (a) from
 1-38 persons who are eligible to be issued a specialty license plate
 1-39 under this subchapter.

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 504.3015, Transportation Code, is
 1-41 amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and
 1-42 (a-2) to read as follows:

1-43 (a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this
 1-44 subchapter shall pay:

1-45 (1) except as provided by Subsections (a-1) and (a-2),
 1-46 the registration fee required under Chapter 502; and

1-47 (2) any ~~[the]~~ applicable special plate fee required
 1-48 under this section.

1-49 (a-1) The department shall issue one set of license plates
 1-50 ~~[, except that one set of license plates shall be issued]~~ without
 1-51 the payment of the registration fee required under Chapter 502 for
 1-52 the first registration period and for each renewal of registration
 1-53 for which the vehicle is registered with license plates issued
 1-54 under:

- 1-55 (1) Section 504.308;
- 1-56 (2) Section 504.310(b);
- 1-57 (3) Section 504.315, other than Subsections (c) and
 1-58 (q) of that section; and
- 1-59 (4) Section 504.319.

1-60 (a-2) The department shall issue one set of license plates
 1-61 without the payment of the registration fee required under Chapter

2-1 502 for the first registration period for which the vehicle is
2-2 registered with license plates issued under:

- 2-3 (1) Section 504.331;
- 2-4 (2) Section 504.332;
- 2-5 (3) Section 504.333;
- 2-6 (4) Section 504.334; and
- 2-7 (5) Section 504.335.

2-8 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
2-9 is amended by adding Sections 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334,
2-10 and 504.335 to read as follows:

2-11 Sec. 504.331. TEXAS HOMELAND DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. The
2-12 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
2-13 the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal. The license plates must
2-14 include the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal emblem and must
2-15 include the words "Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal" at the
2-16 bottom of each plate.

2-17 Sec. 504.332. TEXAS SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL. The department
2-18 shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas
2-19 Superior Service Medal. The license plates must include the Texas
2-20 Superior Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Texas
2-21 Superior Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

2-22 Sec. 504.333. LONE STAR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL. The
2-23 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
2-24 the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. License plates issued
2-25 under this subsection must include the Lone Star Distinguished
2-26 Service Medal emblem and must include the words "Lone Star
2-27 Distinguished Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

2-28 Sec. 504.334. TEXAS OUTSTANDING SERVICE MEDAL. The
2-29 department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of
2-30 the Texas Outstanding Service Medal. License plates issued under
2-31 this subsection must include the Texas Outstanding Service Medal
2-32 emblem and must include the words "Texas Outstanding Service Medal"
2-33 at the bottom of each plate.

2-34 Sec. 504.335. TEXAS MEDAL OF MERIT. The department shall
2-35 issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Medal of
2-36 Merit. License plates issued under this subsection must include
2-37 the Texas Medal of Merit emblem and must include the words "Texas
2-38 Medal of Merit" at the bottom of each plate.

2-39 SECTION 5. It is the intent of the 88th Legislature, Regular
2-40 Session, 2023, that the amendments made by this Act be harmonized
2-41 with another Act of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023,
2-42 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
2-43 codes.

2-44 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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