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TO: Honorable Cole Hefner, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security, Public Safety & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3531 by Morgan (Relating to the voluntary disclosure by an applicant for registration of a motor vehicle of the applicant's military status.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3531, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i> |
|--------------------|---|
| 2026 | \$0 |
| 2027 | \$0 |
| 2028 | \$0 |
| 2029 | \$0 |
| 2030 | \$0 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | <i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund 10</i> |
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| 2026 | (\$357,700) |
| 2027 | \$0 |
| 2028 | \$0 |
| 2029 | \$0 |
| 2030 | \$0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to provide the option for a person, when registering or renewing a registration of a motor vehicle, to indicate whether the person is a member of the United States armed forces. The bill would require TxDMV to include the indication of a person's status as a member of the United States armed forces in the department's vehicle registration records and with any vehicle registration record or report issued for the vehicle.

The bill would take effect on September 1, 2025.

Methodology

Based on the information provided by TxDMV, it is assumed the agency would incur a one-time cost of \$357,700 to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles Fund No. 10 in fiscal year 2026 for programming changes to automated systems and applications to implement the provisions of the bill.

Technology

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles would incur a one-time information technology cost of \$357,700 to implement the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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