

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1525
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties note that although Texas offers a variety of specialty license plates that honor our armed forces, none of those specialty license plates specifically honors submarine veterans. C.S.H.B. 1525 seeks to address this issue by creating a specialty license plate for persons who served on a submarine while in the U.S. Navy.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 1525 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the U.S. Navy that include the words "Submarine Veteran" and a depiction of the Submarine Warfare insignia.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL AND SUBSTITUTE

While C.S.H.B. 1525 may differ from the original in minor or nonsubstantive ways, the following comparison is organized and formatted in a manner that indicates the substantial differences between the introduced and committee substitute versions of the bill.

INTRODUCED

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.323 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.323. SUBMARINE VETERANS.
The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the United States Navy.

HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.323 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.323. SUBMARINE VETERANS.
The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served on a submarine while in the United States Navy.

The license plates must include the words "Submarine Veteran."

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

The license plates must include:
(1) the words "Submarine Veteran"; and
(2) a depiction of the Submarine Warfare insignia.

SECTION 2. Same as introduced version.