BILL ANALYSIS

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S.B. 1089 By: Truan Veteran Affairs & Military Installations 3/12/2001 As Filed

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Under currently state law, only veterans who served between August 4, 1964, and May 8, 1975, may purchase Texas Vietnam veteran license plates. Federal law defines Vietnam veterans as those who served between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975. As proposed, S.B. 1089 amends the Transportation Code to expand the eligibility of those who may apply for Texas Vietnam veteran license plates to include veterans who served during the period beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975. This change conforms the state statute to the federal definition.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 502.264(a) and (c), Transportation Code, to require the Department of Transportation (department) to issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks owned by persons who served in the United States armed forces during a certain period. Requires the department to issue license plates under this section to a person who submits proof that the person is eligible under this section to be issued the license plates. Deletes specific dates regarding time served in the United States army. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.