BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law provides for specialty license plates for Purple Heart recipients and Distinguished Flying Cross medal recipients. However, no such specialty plate for Legion of Merit medal recipients exist. Legion of Merit medal recipients are considered to have demonstrated exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service and achievement. Such conduct may warrant recognition in the form of a specialty license plate similar to those provided to Purple Heart recipients and Distinguished Flying Cross medal recipients.

H.B. 2282 requires the Texas Department of Transportation to issue Legion of Merit specialty plates for recipients of the Legion of Merit medal.

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 Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.316, as follows:

Sec. 504.316. LEGION OF MERIT MEDAL RECIPIENTS. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specialty license plates for persons who have received the Legion of Merit medal. Requires the license plate to include the words "Legion of Merit."

(b) Provides that the fee for issuance of those license plates is \$10 for the first set of license plates and \$15 for each additional set.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.