

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.S.B. 1755
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The purpose of this legislation is to allow disabled veterans eligible for a specialty license plate to also display the emblem of a military decoration issued under Section 504.308 (Distinguished Flying Cross Medal Recipients), 504.315 (Military Specialty License Plates For Extraordinary Service), or 504.316 (Legion of Merit Medal Recipients), Transportation Code.

In addition, the legislation will also establish specialty license plates for the Distinguished Service Medal.

C.S.S.B. 1755 amends current law relating to the issuance of certain specialty license plates.

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 Section 504.202, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (e-1), as follows:

(e-1) Authorizes license plates issued under this section to a person also entitled to license plates issued under Section 504.308 (Distinguished Flying Cross Medal Recipients), 504.315 (Military Specialty License Plates For Extraordinary Service), or 504.316 (Legion of Merit Medal Recipients), other than license plates issued under Subsection (h) (relating to authorizing a person entitled to license plates under this section to elect to receive license plates issued under Chapter 502 (Registration of Vehicles) under the same conditions for the issuance of license plates under this section), to, at the request of the person, include one emblem from the other license plate to which the person is entitled.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.315, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (a), as follows:

(a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Distinguished Service Medal emblem and include the words "Distinguished Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate. Provides that Section 504.702 (Specialty License Plates Authorized After January 1, 1999) does not apply to license plates authorized by this subsection.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.