

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law provides that some veterans and military award recipients, including disabled veterans, Pearl Harbor survivors, for prisoners of war, and recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Congressional Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star Medal or Legion of Merit whose vehicles display specialty license plates are exempt from paying parking fees collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government. H.B. 1514 seeks to extend those same parking privileges to veterans who display World War II veterans specialty license plates.

H.B. 1514 amends current law relating to privileged parking for veterans of World War II.

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 681.008(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Provides that a vehicle on which license plates described by Subsection (a)(2) (relating to authorizing a vehicle to be parked for an unlimited period in a parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons with physical disabilities if the vehicle displays the license plates issued by another state of the United States that indicate on the face of the license plates that the owner of the vehicle is a disabled veteran of the United States armed forces) or issued under Section 504.202 (Veterans with Disabilities), Section 504.310 (World War II Veterans), Section 504.315(a) (relating to requiring the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Bronze Star Medal and Bronze Star Medal with Valor), (c) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for a person who was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of conflict with the United States), (d) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941), (e) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates to a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor), (f) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Air Force Cross or Distinguished Service Cross, the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Medal of Honor), (g) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Purple Heart), or (h) (relating to requiring TxDMV to issue special issue license plates for the recipients of the Silver Star Medal), or Section 504.316 (Legion of Merit Medal Recipients) are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

(1) the person who registered the vehicle under Section 504.202(a) (relating to authorizing a person entitled to specialty license plates under this section to register one vehicle without any payment of any fee paid for or at certain times),

Section 504.310, Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h), or Section 504.316; or

(2)-(3) Makes no change to these subdivisions.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.