

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2115  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

H.B. 2115 establishes a specialty license plate for persons who serve or have served in the Third United States Infantry Regiment as a guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

H.B. 2115 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of certain military awards.

### **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 the heading to Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, to read as follows:

Sec. 504.320. RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN COMBAT BADGES, MEDALS, OR RIBBONS.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, as follows:

(c-1) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Combat Medical Badge emblem and include the words "Combat Medical Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

(d) Requires that a specialty license plate issued under this section for a badge or ribbon that may be awarded more than once include only the emblem of the first award badge or ribbon. Deletes existing text requiring TxDMV, for certain purposes, to only issue specialty license plates that include the unique emblem of the first award.

SECTION 3. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.323, as follows:

Sec. 504.323. TOMB GUARD. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for persons who serve or have served in the Third United States Infantry Regiment as a guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and are awarded the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge. Requires that the license plates include a likeness of the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Identification Badge and include the words "Tomb Guard" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2017.