

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Under current Transportation Code provisions, an available specialty license plate for certain military veterans is the Combat Action Badge Combat Infantryman emblem. Unfortunately, this is actually a mistake which merges two separate awards, the Combat Action Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge. These are two separate awards for different actions and it has resulted in individuals receiving specialty plates for actions which they did not take.

H.B. 2643 corrects this mistake and updates language to provide for the Combat Action Badge and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

H.B. 2643 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Action Badge or Combat Infantryman Badge.

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 504.320, Transportation Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c-2), as follows:

(a) Requires license plates for recipients of the Combat Action Badge issued under this subsection to include the Combat Action Badge emblem, rather than the Combat Action Badge Combat Infantryman, and to include the words "Combat Action Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

(c-2) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Infantryman Badge. Requires license plates issued under this subsection to include the Combat Infantryman Badge emblem and to include the words "Combat Infantryman Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.