

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) issues numerous specialty license plates for veterans in Texas who have received certain awards and medals. It has been noted, however, that TxDMV does not issue specialty plates for Texas servicemen and women who have received Texas Military Department State Awards. H.B. 3859 would remedy this situation by requiring TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of certain Texas military awards.

H.B. 3859 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of certain Texas 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 Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, to include Sections 504.327, 504.328, 504.329, 504.330, 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, 504.335, 504.336, 504.337, 504.338, 504.339, 504.340, 504.341, 504.342, 504.343, 504.344, 504.345, 504.346, or 504.347, rather than certain sections as added by Chapter 1085 (H.B. 3567), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, among the sections under which license plates are authorized to include one emblem from another license plate to which a person is entitled on request.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.315, Transportation Code, by adding Subsections (r), (s), (t), (u), (v), and (w), as follows:

(r) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor emblem and include the words "Texas Legislative Medal of Honor" at the bottom of each plate.

(s) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Lone Star Medal of Valor. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Lone Star Medal of Valor emblem and include the words "Lone Star Medal of Valor" at the bottom of each plate.

(t) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Purple Heart Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Texas Purple Heart Medal emblem and include the words "Texas Purple Heart Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

(u) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal emblem and include the words "Lone Star Distinguished Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

(v) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Outstanding Service Medal. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Texas Outstanding Service Medal emblem and include the words "Texas Outstanding Service Medal" at the bottom of each plate.

(w) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Medal of Merit. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the Texas Medal of Merit emblem and include the words "Texas Medal of Merit" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 504.320, Transportation Code, by adding Subsection (c-3), as follows:

(c-3) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Combat Service Ribbon. Requires that license plates issued under this subsection include the words "Texas Combat Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 4. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Sections 504.327, 504.328, 504.329, 504.330, 504.331, 504.332, 504.333, 504.334, 504.335, 504.336, 504.337, 504.338, 504.339, 504.340, 504.341, 504.342, 504.343, 504.344, 504.345, 504.346, and 504.347, as follows:

Sec. 504.327. FEDERAL SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Federal Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Federal Service Medal" and a depiction of the Federal Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.328. TEXAS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Humanitarian Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Humanitarian Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.329. TEXAS HOMELAND DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Homeland Defense Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.330. TEXAS SUPERIOR SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Superior Service Medal who are members or former members of the Texas military forces, as defined by Section 437.001 (Definitions), Government Code. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Superior Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Superior Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.331. ADJUTANT GENERAL'S INDIVIDUAL AWARD. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Adjutant General's Individual Award. Requires that the license plates include the words "Adjutant General's Individual Award" and a depiction of the Adjutant General's Individual Award emblem.

Sec. 504.332. COMMANDING GENERAL'S INDIVIDUAL AWARD. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Commanding General's Individual Award. Requires that the license plates include the words "Commanding General's Individual Award" and a depiction of the Commanding General's Individual Award emblem.

Sec. 504.333. TEXAS STATE GUARD MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas State Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas State Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon" and a depiction of the Texas State Guard Meritorious Service Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.334. TEXAS STATE GUARD RECRUITING RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas State Guard Recruiting Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas State Guard Recruiting Ribbon" and a depiction of the Texas State Guard Recruiting Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.335. TEXAS COLD WAR MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Cold War Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Cold War Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Cold War Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.336. TEXAS CAVALRY SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Cavalry Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Cavalry Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Cavalry Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.337. TEXAS FAITHFUL SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Faithful Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Faithful Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas Faithful Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.338. TEXAS STATE GUARD SERVICE MEDAL. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas State Guard Service Medal. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas State Guard Service Medal" and a depiction of the Texas State Guard Service Medal emblem.

Sec. 504.339. OFFICER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Officer Professional Development Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "Officer Professional Development Ribbon" and a depiction of the Officer Professional Development Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.340. NCO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the NCO Professional Development Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "NCO Professional Development Ribbon" and a depiction of the NCO Professional Development Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.341. ENLISTED PERSONNEL BASIC TRAINING RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Enlisted Personnel Basic Training Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "Enlisted Personnel Basic Training Ribbon" and a depiction of the Enlisted Personnel Basic Training Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.342. PHYSICAL FITNESS RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Physical Fitness Ribbon. Requires that the license plates include the words "Physical Fitness Ribbon" and a depiction of the Physical Fitness Ribbon emblem.

Sec. 504.343. TEXAS GOVERNOR'S UNIT CITATION. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas Governor's Unit Citation. Requires that the license plates include the words "Texas Governor's Unit Citation" and a depiction of the Texas Governor's Unit Citation emblem.

Sec. 504.344. MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Meritorious Unit Award. Requires that the license plates include the words "Meritorious Unit Award" and a depiction of the Meritorious Unit Award emblem.

Sec. 504.345. ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Organizational Excellence Award. Requires that the license plates include the words "Organizational Excellence Award" and a depiction of the Organizational Excellence Award emblem.

Sec. 504.346. TEXAS STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION RIBBON. Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Texas State Guard Association Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "Texas State Guard Association Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

Sec. 504.347. STATE GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES CITATION AND RIBBONS. (a) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

(b) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Superior Unit Citation. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Superior Unit Citation" at the bottom of each plate.

(c) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Distinguished Service Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Distinguished Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

(d) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Meritorious Service Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Meritorious Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

(e) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Commendation Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Commendation Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

(f) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Achievement Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Achievement Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

(g) Requires TxDMV to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the State Guard Association of the United States Service Ribbon. Requires that the license plates issued under this subsection include the words "State Guard Association of the United States Service Ribbon" at the bottom of each plate.

SECTION 5. Provides that to the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2021.