Chapter 577

S.B. No. 769

AN ACT
relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.320. RECIPIENTS OF CERTAIN COMBAT BADGES, MEDALS, OR RIBBONS [ACTION BADGE, MEDAL, OR RIBBON RECIPIENTS].

SECTION 2. Section 504.320, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 708 (H.B. 1128), Acts of the 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, is amended by adding Subsection (c-1) and amending Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c-1) The department shall issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. License plates issued under this subsection must include the Combat Medical Badge emblem and must include the words "Combat Medical Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

(d) A specialty license plate issued under this section for a badge or ribbon that may be awarded more than once shall [for purposes of Subsections (a) and (c), if a branch of the United States armed forces awards a Combat Action Badge or Ribbon with a unique emblem for each award of the Combat Action Badge or Ribbon to a recipient, the department shall only issue specialty license
plates that include only the [unique] emblem of the first award badge or ribbon.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 769 passed the Senate on April 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 769 passed the House on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, two present not voting.

Approved:

6 - 9 - 2017

Date

Governor

Secretary of State
TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB769 by Watson (Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Combat Medical Badge. License plates issued must include the Combat Medical Badge emblem and must include the words "Combat Medical Badge" at the bottom of each plate.

Based on the information and analysis provided by the DMV, it is assumed any costs or duties associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within the agency's existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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