

Chapter 716

H.B. No. 1273

AN ACT

relating to certain military specialty license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on request:

(1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or

(2) one emblem from another license plate to which the person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.311, 504.312, 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.318, or 504.319.

SECTION 2. Section 504.3015(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The fee for the issuance of one set of specialty license plates issued under Section 504.315(d) [~~504.315(c), (d)~~] or (g) is \$3. There is no additional fee for a specialty license plate issued under another provision of this subchapter.

SECTION 3. Section 504.311, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.311. SERVICE IN KOREA [~~KOREAN WAR VETERANS~~]. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United States armed forces:

(1) during the period beginning on June 27 [~~after June~~

1 ~~26]~~, 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who received the
2 National Defense Service Medal;

3 (2) in a combat zone in Korea during the period
4 beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who
5 received the Korean Service Medal; or

6 (3) in the Korean Demilitarized Zone beginning on July
7 28, 1954, and who received the Korean Defense Service Medal [~~before~~
8 ~~February 1, 1955~~].

9 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
10 the words "Korea Veteran[~~-~~]" and bear a depiction of the
11 appropriate medal.

12 SECTION 4. Section 504.312, Transportation Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall
15 issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United
16 States armed forces [~~during~~]:

17 (1) during the period beginning on January 1, 1961,
18 and ending on August 14, 1974, and who received the National Defense
19 Service Medal; or

20 (2) in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam
21 during the period beginning on July 1, 1958 [~~February 28, 1961~~],
22 and ending on March 28, 1973, and who received the Vietnam Service
23 Medal [~~May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the~~
24 ~~Republic of Vietnam during that period; or~~

25 [~~(2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and~~
26 ~~ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases~~].

27 (b) License plates issued under this section must include

1 the words "Vietnam Veteran[~~-~~]" and bear a depiction of the
2 appropriate medal.

3 SECTION 5. Section 504.313, Transportation Code, is amended
4 to read as follows:

5 Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM VETERANS. (a)
6 The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who
7 served in the United States armed forces:

8 (1) during the period beginning on [after] August 2,
9 [~~17~~] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the
10 National Defense Service Medal; or

11 (2) in a combat zone in support of Operation Desert
12 Shield or Desert Storm during the period beginning on August 2,
13 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the
14 Southwest Asia Service Medal [~~before April 12, 1991~~].

15 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
16 the words "Desert Shield/Storm/Provide Comfort[~~-~~]" and bear a
17 depiction of the appropriate medal.

18 SECTION 6. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

20 (j) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
21 recipients of the Prisoner of War Medal. License plates issued
22 under this subsection must include the Prisoner of War Medal emblem
23 and must include the words "Prisoner of War Medal" at the bottom of
24 each plate.

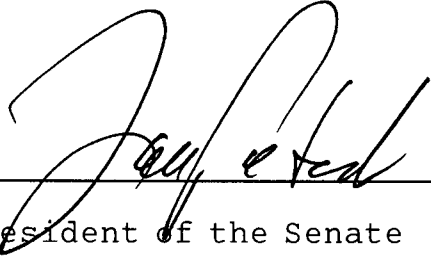
25 SECTION 7. Section 504.315(c), Transportation Code, is
26 repealed.

27 SECTION 8. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not

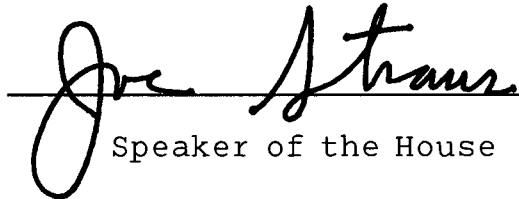
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1 required to issue specialty license plates under Sections 504.311,
2 504.312, 504.313, and 504.315, Transportation Code, as amended by
3 this Act, until January 1, 2016.

4 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.



President of the Senate



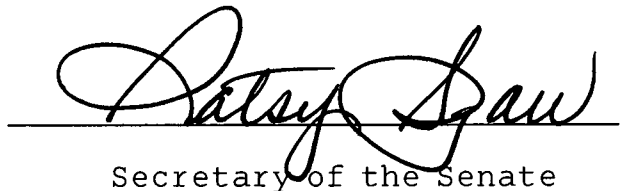
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1273 was passed by the House on April 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1273 on May 26, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.



Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1273 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.



Secretary of the Senate

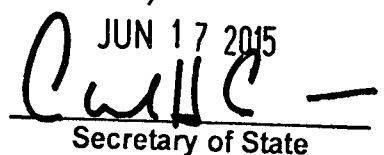
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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2015

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1273 by Farias (Relating to certain military specialty license plates.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to add new eligibility requirements and specialty license plates to be issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles for Korean War Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, Desert Shield/Storm/Provide Comfort Veterans, and Prisoners of War.

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

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

LBB Staff: UP, SD, AG, FR, NV, TG

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2015

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1273 by Farias (Relating to certain military specialty license plates.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 7, 2015

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1273 by Farias (Relating to certain military specialty license plates.), **As Engrossed**

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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to require the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to issue three new Korean Veteran military specialty license plates, two new Vietnam Veteran military specialty license plates, and two new Desert Shield/Storm veteran license plates. The bill would require the DMV to issue 10 new Disabled Veteran license plates depicting one emblem from certain other military specialty license plates to which a person is entitled.

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

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 4, 2015

TO: Honorable Susan Lewis King, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 10, 2015

TO: Honorable Susan Lewis King, Chair, House Committee on Defense & Veterans' Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1273 by Farias (Relating to certain military specialty license plates.), **As Introduced**

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