

1-1 By: Miller of Fort Bend, Fallon H.B. No. 789  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Collin)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 21, 2015;  
 1-4 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Transportation; May 12, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
 1-6 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
 1-7 May 12, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-8 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9				
1-10	Nichols	X		
1-11	Huffines	X		
1-12	Ellis	X		
1-13	Fraser	X		
1-14	Garcia	X		
1-15	Hall	X		
1-16	Hancock	X		
1-17	Kolkhorst	X		
1-18	Taylor of Collin	X		

1-19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 789 By: Taylor of Collin

1-20 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-21 AN ACT

1-22 relating to license plates issued to retired members of the  
 1-23 military.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Sections 504.303(b) and (c), Transportation  
 1-26 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-27 (b) The department shall include the word "Retired" for  
 1-28 license plates issued to retired members of the United States armed  
 1-29 forces ~~[who have completed 20 or more years of satisfactory federal~~  
 1-30 ~~service]~~.

1-31 (c) Satisfactory proof of eligibility for a license plate  
 1-32 issued under this section to a retired member of the United States  
 1-33 armed forces may be demonstrated by:

1-34 (1) a [A] letter from any branch of the military under  
 1-35 the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Defense or the  
 1-36 United States Department of Homeland Security stating that a  
 1-37 retired member has 20 or more years of satisfactory federal  
 1-38 service; or

1-39 (2) an identification card issued by any branch of the  
 1-40 military under the jurisdiction of the United States Department of  
 1-41 Defense or the United States Department of Homeland Security  
 1-42 indicating that the member is retired ~~[is satisfactory proof of~~  
 1-43 ~~eligibility]~~.

1-44 SECTION 2. Sections 504.305(a) and (c), Transportation  
 1-45 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-46 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
 1-47 for:

1-48 (1) active members of the Texas National Guard or  
 1-49 Texas State Guard;

1-50 (2) retired members of the Texas National Guard or  
 1-51 Texas State Guard ~~[who have completed 20 or more years of~~  
 1-52 ~~satisfactory federal service]; and~~

1-53 (3) members of a reserve component of the United  
 1-54 States armed forces.

1-55 (c) Satisfactory proof of eligibility for a license plate  
 1-56 issued under this section to a retired member of the Texas National  
 1-57 Guard or Texas State Guard may be demonstrated by:

1-58 (1) a [A] letter from the United States Department of  
 1-59 Defense, the Department of the Army, or the Department of the Air  
 1-60 Force stating that a retired guard member has 20 or more years of

2-1 satisfactory federal service; or  
2-2 (2) an identification card issued by the United States  
2-3 Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, or the  
2-4 Department of the Air Force indicating that the member is retired  
2-5 [is satisfactory proof of eligibility].

2-6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.

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