

1-1 By: Farias, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Uresti) H.B. No. 1273  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;  
1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation; May 19, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
1-6 May 19, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

|      | Yea                     | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8  |                         |     |        |     |
| 1-9  | <u>Nichols</u>          | X   |        |     |
| 1-10 | <u>Huffines</u>         | X   |        |     |
| 1-11 | <u>Ellis</u>            | X   |        |     |
| 1-12 | <u>Fraser</u>           | X   |        |     |
| 1-13 | <u>Garcia</u>           | X   |        |     |
| 1-14 | <u>Hall</u>             | X   |        |     |
| 1-15 | <u>Hancock</u>          | X   |        |     |
| 1-16 | <u>Kolkhorst</u>        | X   |        |     |
| 1-17 | <u>Taylor of Collin</u> | X   |        |     |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1273 By: Hancock

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to certain military specialty license plates.  
1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-23 SECTION 1. Section 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, is  
1-24 amended to read as follows:  
1-25 (e-1) Other than license plates issued under Subsection  
1-26 (h), license plates issued under this section may include, on  
1-27 request:  
1-28 (1) the emblem of the veteran's branch of service; or  
1-29 (2) one emblem from another license plate to which the  
1-30 person is entitled under Section 504.308, 504.311, 504.312,  
1-31 504.313, 504.3135, 504.314, 504.315, 504.316, 504.318, or 504.319.  
1-32 SECTION 2. Section 504.3015(b), Transportation Code, is  
1-33 amended to read as follows:  
1-34 (b) The fee for the issuance of one set of specialty license  
1-35 plates issued under Section 504.315(d) [~~504.315(c), (d),~~] or (g) is  
1-36 \$3. There is no additional fee for a specialty license plate  
1-37 issued under another provision of this subchapter.  
1-38 SECTION 3. Section 504.311, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-39 to read as follows:  
1-40 Sec. 504.311. SERVICE IN KOREA [~~KOREAN WAR VETERANS~~]. (a)  
1-41 The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who  
1-42 served in the United States armed forces:  
1-43 (1) during the period beginning on June 27 [after June  
1-44 26], 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who received the  
1-45 National Defense Service Medal;  
1-46 (2) in a combat zone in Korea during the period  
1-47 beginning on June 27, 1950, and ending on July 27, 1954, and who  
1-48 received the Korean Service Medal; or  
1-49 (3) in the Korean Demilitarized Zone beginning on July  
1-50 28, 1954, and who received the Korean Defense Service Medal [before  
1-51 February 1, 1955].  
1-52 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
1-53 the words "Korea Veteran[-]" and bear a depiction of the  
1-54 appropriate medal.  
1-55 SECTION 4. Section 504.312, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-56 to read as follows:  
1-57 Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall  
1-58 issue specialty license plates for persons who served in the United  
1-59 States armed forces [~~during~~]:  
1-60 (1) during the period beginning on January 1, 1961,

2-1 and ending on August 14, 1974, and who received the National Defense  
2-2 Service Medal; or

2-3 (2) in a combat zone in the Republic of Vietnam  
2-4 during the period beginning on July 1, 1958 [February 28, 1961],  
2-5 and ending on March 28, 1973, and who received the Vietnam Service  
2-6 Medal [May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the  
2-7 Republic of Vietnam during that period; or

2-8 [~~(2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and~~  
2-9 ~~ending on May 7, 1975, in all other cases].~~

2-10 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
2-11 the words "Vietnam Veteran[-]" and bear a depiction of the  
2-12 appropriate medal.

2-13 SECTION 5. Section 504.313, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-14 to read as follows:

2-15 Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM VETERANS. (a)  
2-16 The department shall issue specialty license plates for persons who  
2-17 served in the United States armed forces:

2-18 (1) during the period beginning on [after] August 2,  
2-19 [1,] 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the  
2-20 National Defense Service Medal; or

2-21 (2) in a combat zone in support of Operation Desert  
2-22 Shield or Desert Storm during the period beginning on August 2,  
2-23 1990, and ending on November 30, 1995, and who received the  
2-24 Southwest Asia Service Medal [before April 12, 1991].

2-25 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
2-26 the words "Desert Shield/Storm/Provide Comfort[-]" and bear a  
2-27 depiction of the appropriate medal.

2-28 SECTION 6. Section 504.315, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-29 by adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

2-30 (j) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
2-31 recipients of the Prisoner of War Medal. License plates issued  
2-32 under this subsection must include the Prisoner of War Medal emblem  
2-33 and must include the words "Prisoner of War Medal" at the bottom of  
2-34 each plate.

2-35 SECTION 7. Section 504.315(c), Transportation Code, is  
2-36 repealed.

2-37 SECTION 8. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles is not  
2-38 required to issue specialty license plates under Sections 504.311,  
2-39 504.312, 504.313, and 504.315, Transportation Code, as amended by  
2-40 this Act, until January 1, 2016.

2-41 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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