

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1936
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1-4 Security; May 1, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1;
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-16 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1936 By: Huffines

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the issuance of specially marked driver's licenses and
1-20 personal identification certificates to disabled veterans.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 521.011, Transportation Code, is amended
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 521.011. SERVICES INFORMATION FOR VETERANS. The
1-25 department and the Texas Veterans Commission shall jointly develop
1-26 a one-page informational paper about veterans services provided by
1-27 this state for veterans who receive:

1-28 (1) a driver's license with a designation under
1-29 Section 521.1235; or

1-30 (2) a personal identification certificate with a
1-31 ~~[veteran's]~~ designation under Section 521.102 ~~[a one-page~~
1-32 ~~informational paper about veterans services provided by this~~
1-33 ~~state].~~

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 521.101(1), Transportation Code, is
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 (1) The application for the personal identification
1-37 certificate must provide space for the applicant:

1-38 (1) to voluntarily list any information ~~[military~~
1-39 ~~service]~~ that may qualify the applicant to receive a personal
1-40 identification certificate with a ~~[veteran's]~~ designation under
1-41 Section 521.102; and

1-42 (2) to include proof required by the department to
1-43 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

1-44 SECTION 3. Section 521.102, Transportation Code, is amended
1-45 by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (b-1),
1-46 (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1-47 (a) In this section:

1-48 (1) "Disability rating" has the meaning assigned by
1-49 Section 11.22, Tax Code.

1-50 (2) "Disabled veteran" and [7] "veteran" have the
1-51 meanings assigned by Section 521.1235 ~~[means a person who~~

1-52 ~~[(1) has served in:~~

1-53 ~~[(A) the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or~~
1-54 ~~marine corps of the United States, or~~

1-55 ~~[(B) the Texas National Guard as defined by~~
1-56 ~~Section 431.001, Government Code, and~~

1-57 ~~[(2) has been honorably discharged from the branch of~~
1-58 ~~the service in which the person served].~~

1-59 (b-1) If a disabled veteran provides proof sufficient to the
1-60 department, the department, on request of the disabled veteran,

2-1 shall include on a personal identification certificate issued to
 2-2 the disabled veteran in any available space on the face of the
 2-3 personal identification certificate or on the reverse side of the
 2-4 personal identification certificate:

2-5 (1) a disabled veteran designation; and
 2-6 (2) the branch of the service in which the disabled
 2-7 veteran served.

2-8 (c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a
 2-9 personal identification certificate with a [~~veteran's~~] designation
 2-10 under this section the informational paper described by Section
 2-11 521.011 at the time the certificate is issued.

2-12 (d) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
 2-13 Subsection (e), for purposes of obtaining a service or benefit
 2-14 available for disabled veterans in this state, a disabled veteran
 2-15 may use a personal identification certificate described by
 2-16 Subsection (b-1) as satisfactory proof:

2-17 (1) that the disabled veteran has a disability rating
 2-18 described by Section 521.1235(a)(2)(A) or (B), as applicable; and
 2-19 (2) of branch of service and honorable discharge.

2-20 (e) A personal identification certificate described by
 2-21 Subsection (b-1) is not satisfactory proof of the disabled
 2-22 veteran's disability rating for purposes of obtaining a property
 2-23 tax exemption provided by Chapter 11, Tax Code.

2-24 (f) A disabled veteran who renews a personal identification
 2-25 certificate described by Subsection (b-1) shall provide proof
 2-26 sufficient to the department of the disabled veteran's disability
 2-27 rating.

2-28 SECTION 4. Section 521.1235, Transportation Code, is
 2-29 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections
 2-30 (b-1), (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

2-31 (a) In this section:

2-32 (1) "Disability rating" has the meaning assigned by
 2-33 Section 11.22, Tax Code.

2-34 (2) "Disabled veteran" means a veteran who has
 2-35 suffered a service-connected disability with a disability rating
 2-36 of:

2-37 (A) at least 50 percent; or

2-38 (B) 40 percent if the rating is due to the
 2-39 amputation of a lower extremity.

2-40 (3) "Veteran" [~~, "veteran"~~] means a person who:

2-41 (A) [~~(1)~~] has served in:

2-42 (i) [~~(A)~~] the army, navy, air force, coast
 2-43 guard, or marine corps of the United States; or

2-44 (ii) [~~(B)~~] the Texas National Guard as
 2-45 defined by Section 437.001, Government Code; and

2-46 (B) [~~(2)~~] has been honorably discharged from the
 2-47 branch of the service in which the person served.

2-48 (b-1) If a disabled veteran provides proof sufficient to the
 2-49 department, the department, on request of the disabled veteran,
 2-50 shall include on a driver's license issued to the disabled veteran
 2-51 in any available space on the face of the driver's license or on the
 2-52 reverse side of the driver's license:

2-53 (1) a disabled veteran designation; and

2-54 (2) the branch of the service in which the disabled
 2-55 veteran served.

2-56 (c) The department shall provide to the recipient of a
 2-57 driver's license with a [~~veteran's~~] designation under this section
 2-58 the informational paper described by Section 521.011 at the time
 2-59 the license is issued.

2-60 (d) Notwithstanding any other law and except as provided by
 2-61 Subsection (e), for purposes of obtaining a service or benefit
 2-62 available for disabled veterans in this state, a disabled veteran
 2-63 may use a driver's license described by Subsection (b-1) as
 2-64 satisfactory proof:

2-65 (1) that the disabled veteran has a disability rating
 2-66 described by Subsection (a)(2)(A) or (B), as applicable; and

2-67 (2) of branch of service and honorable discharge.

2-68 (e) A driver's license described by Subsection (b-1) is not
 2-69 satisfactory proof of the disabled veteran's disability rating for

3-1 purposes of obtaining a property tax exemption provided by Chapter
3-2 11, Tax Code.

3-3 (f) A disabled veteran who renews a driver's license
3-4 described by Subsection (b-1) shall provide proof sufficient to the
3-5 department of the disabled veteran's disability rating.

3-6 SECTION 5. Section 521.142(i), Transportation Code, is
3-7 amended to read as follows:

3-8 (i) The application must provide space for the applicant:

3-9 (1) to voluntarily list any information [~~military~~
3-10 ~~service~~] that may qualify the applicant to receive a license with a
3-11 [~~veteran's~~] designation under Section 521.1235; and

3-12 (2) to include proof required by the department to
3-13 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive that designation.

3-14 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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