

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2115
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Defense & Veterans' Affairs
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Interested parties suggest that persons who serve or have served in specific military units deserve additional recognition. H.B. 2115 seeks to address this issue by establishing a specialty license plate for certain persons who serve or have served in the Third United States Infantry Regiment as a guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2115 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for persons who serve or have served in the Third United States Infantry Regiment as a guard for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and are awarded the Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier identification badge. The bill requires the license plates to include a likeness of that identification badge and to include the words "Tomb Guard" at the bottom of each plate.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2017.