

**SUBJECT:** Issuing specialty license plates for recipients of the Commendation Medal

**COMMITTEE:** Defense and Veterans' Affairs — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 6 ayes — S. King, Frank, Blanco, Farias, Schaefer, Shaheen

0 nays

1 present not voting — Aycock

**WITNESSES:** For — Morgan Little, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations;  
(*Registered, but did not testify:* Jim Brennan, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations)

Against — None

On — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Jeremiah Kuntz, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles)

**BACKGROUND:** The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles issues a variety of specialty license plates to recognize military service. The department does not currently issue a specialty license plate that recognizes recipients of the Commendation Medal issued by each branch of the armed forces.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 127 would require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of the Commendation Medal for each branch of the military and for joint service. The license plates would be required to include the emblem of the appropriate medal and the name of the medal at the bottom of each plate.

The bill would take effect January 1, 2016.