(b) This section is not intended to be an expression of a legislative interpretation of the requirements of Section 17(c), Article I, Texas Constitution.

SECTION 5. Except as provided by Section 4 of this Act:

(1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

(2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 309

H.B. No. 1514

AN ACT
relating to privileged parking for veterans of World War II.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 681.008(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A vehicle on which license plates described by Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, Section 504.310, Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h), or Section 504.316 are displayed is exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the federal government, when being operated by or for the transportation of:

(1) the person who registered the vehicle under Section 504.202(a), Section 504.310, Section 504.315(a), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h), or Section 504.316;

(2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) if the vehicle is registered under that subsection; or

(3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 18, 2013: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 310

H.B. No. 1580

AN ACT
relating to excluding certain short-term employment from unemployment compensation chargebacks and grounds for benefit disqualification.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 204.022, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Benefits computed on benefit wage credits of an employee or former employee may not be charged to the account of an employer if:

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(1) the employment did not constitute suitable work for the employee, as determined under Section 207.008; and
(2) the employee worked for the employer for less than four weeks.

SECTION 2. Section 207.045, Labor Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:
(g-1) An individual who voluntarily leaves the individual’s last work is not disqualified for benefits under this section if:
(1) at the time the last work began, the individual was receiving benefits under this subtitle;
(2) the work did not constitute suitable work for the individual, as determined under Section 207.008; and
(3) the individual was employed at the last work for less than four weeks.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a claim for unemployment compensation benefits filed with the Texas Workforce Commission on or after the effective date of this Act. A claim filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the claim was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 129, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 311
H.B. No. 1589
AN ACT
relating to the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 431.131(d), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:
(d) The legislature by concurrent resolution may direct the governor to award the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor to a person nominated by the nominating committee. The committee chairs serving on the nominating committee shall jointly prepare a concurrent resolution directing the governor to award the medal to a person nominated. The legislature may direct the medal to be awarded only during a regular session and may not, during a
regular session, direct the medal to be awarded to more than:
(1) one person for service in the state or federal military forces during the period beginning after 1835 but before 1956; and
(2) one person for service in the state or federal military forces after 1955 [during a
regular session].

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.
Passed by the House on April 11, 2013: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.
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