BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current Texas law authorizes the Texas Department of Transportation to issue special license plates bearing the words "Disabled Vet" to veterans of the United States armed forces. As proposed, S.B. 539 changes the shorter form in favor of the term "Disabled Veteran" and adds the words "U.S. Armed Forces" at the bottom of each license place.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 502.254(c), Transportation Code, to require license plates issued under this section to include the words "DISABLED VETERAN", rather than "DISABLED VET," and the words "U.S. Armed Forces" at the bottom of each plate. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.