

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Army Aviation Badge was originally approved as the Aircraft Crew Member Badge by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations on May 16, 1962. To achieve a Master Army Aviator Badge, an individual must successfully perform 15 years on flight status in a principal duty assignment. There are currently 184 military specialty license plates in Texas, ranging from regiments to service medals, but not one for the Master Army Aviator.

H.B. 2039 will allow for the issuance of specialty license plates for people, including disabled veterans, who have been awarded the honor of the Master Army Aviator Badge.

H.B. 2039 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to Master Army Aviators.

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 504.202(e-1), Transportation Code, as follows:

(e-1) Authorizes license plates issued under this section (Veterans With Disabilities), other than license plates issued under Subsection (h) (relating to authorizing a person entitled to receive license plates under this section to elect to receive certain other license plates under the same conditions for the issuance of license plates under this section), to include, on request:

(1) makes no changes to this subdivision; or

(2) one emblem from another license plate to which the person is entitled under certain sections, including Section 504.325.

SECTION 2. Amends Subchapter D, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.325, as follows:

Sec. 504.325. MASTER ARMY AVIATOR. Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for persons awarded the Master Army Aviator Badge. Requires the license plate to include the words "Master Army Aviator" and a depiction of the Master Army Aviator Badge.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2019.