

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 3343
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Texas offers a variety of special license plates to honor individuals for their service to our state. State or local law enforcement agencies may award Purple Hearts to officers or personnel "who are wounded or killed in the line of duty." This bill would authorize the Texas Department of Transportation to issue a specialty license plate for individuals who are recipients of law enforcement or Department of Public Safety Purple Hearts.

H.B. 3343 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor certain Purple Heart recipients and imposes a fee.

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 Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.5115, as follows:

Sec. 504.5115. CERTAIN PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for recipients of a Purple Heart awarded by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas or another law enforcement agency in this state.

(b) Provides that the fee for issuance of one set of the license plates is \$3.

(c) Requires a person issued specialty license plates under this section to be issued one set of the license plates without payment of the registration fee required under Chapter 502 (Registration of Vehicles).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.