

CHAPTER 871

H.B. No. 863

AN ACT

relating to special license plates for active or retired members of the Texas Army National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, or Texas State Guard.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 5e.3(a) and (b), Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-5e.3, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall provide for the issuance of special license plates for passenger cars and light commercial motor vehicles having manufacturers' rated carrying capacities of one (1) ton or less that are owned by active members of the Texas Army

National Guard, Texas Air National Guard, and Texas State Guard, *or by retired guard members who have completed 20 years satisfactory federal service.* The license plates shall be of a color and design agreed on by the Adjutant General and the department and shall bear the words "Texas Guard."

(b) A person may apply to the department for the license plates at any time on a form prescribed by the department. The department shall require with each application proof of eligibility to receive the license plates. *A letter from either the United States Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, or the Department of the Air Force stating that a retired guard member has 20 years satisfactory federal service is proof of eligibility to receive the license plates.* Registration under this section is valid for one year and expires in the same manner as do regular motor vehicle registrations.

SECTION 2. Section 5e.3(e), Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-5e.3, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 4. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 13, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 23, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.