

Texas Department of Transportation

VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION • AUSTIN, TEXAS 78779-0001 • (512) 465-7611

June 22, 2001

Registration and Title Bulletin # 077-01

TO: All County Tax Assessor-Collectors

SUBJECT: Eligibility for Vietnam Veteran license plates (SB 1089).

PURPOSE

This letter is to inform you of the changes made in the time periods a veteran must have served in the Republic of Vietnam to be eligible for Vietnam Veteran license plates.

DETAILS:

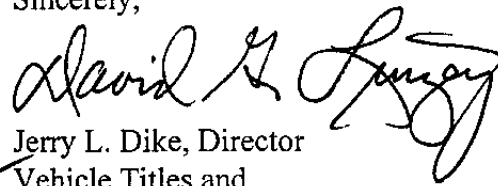
The 77th Legislature authorized that the license plates be issued to a person who served in the Republic of Vietnam beginning on February 28, 1961 and ending on May 7, 1975. For all other military service the period begins on August 5, 1964, and ends on May 7, 1975.

Attached is a copy of the bill and a copy of the revised application (VTR-418). These forms will be distributed as soon as they are printed, but in the meantime, the attached form can be photocopied for distribution to customers.

VTR CONTACT PERSONS

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your local TxDOT Vehicle Titles and Registration Division Regional Office or the Customer Help Desk at (512) 465-7611. Thank you.

Sincerely,


for Jerry L. Dike, Director
Vehicle Titles and
Registration Division

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Attachments

cc: VTR Administration



Bill Number: TX77RSB 1089
ENROLLED

Date: 05-10-2001

- 1- 1 AN ACT
1- 2 relating to eligibility for Vietnam veteran license plates.
1- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1- 4 SECTION 1. Subsections (a) and (c), Section 502.264,
1- 5 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:
1- 6 (a) The department shall issue specially designed license
1- 7 plates for passenger cars and light trucks owned by persons who
1- 8 served in the United States armed forces during:
1- 9 (1) the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and
1-10 ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the
1-11 Republic of Vietnam during that period; or
1-12 (2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending
1-13 on May 7, 1975, in all other cases after August 4, 1964, and
1-14 before May 8, 1975.
1-15 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this
1-16 section to a person who:
1-17 (1) applies to the department on a form prescribed by
1-18 the department;
1-19 (2) pays the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and,
1-20 if personalized prestige license plates are issued, the fee
1-21 prescribed by Section 502.251; and
1-22 (3) submits proof that the person is eligible under
1-23 Subsection (a) to be issued the license plates served in the
1-24 United States armed forces after August 4, 1964, and before May 8,
1-25 1975, and is:
2- 1 (A) an honorably discharged veteran of the
2- 2 United States armed forces; or
2- 3 (B) a member of the United States armed forces
2- 4 on active duty.
2- 5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.

President of the Senate Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1089 passed the Senate on
March 22, 2001, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0, one
present, not voting.

Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1089 passed the House on
May 8, 2001, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor



VTR-418 (Rev. 7/2001)
DHT # 143708

**APPLICATION FOR *DESERT STORM VETERAN*
VIETNAM VETERAN, KOREA VETERAN,
OR WORLD WAR II VETERAN LICENSE PLATES**

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE SIDE BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM

APPLICANT IS TO COMPLETE THIS INFORMATION

Name of Owner _____ Daytime Phone (____) _____
(as shown on current registration receipt) Area Code

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Texas County of Residence _____ Social Security No.* _____ - _____ - _____

*You are not required by law to disclose your social security number. However, primarily because of duplication of individuals' names, this information is requested for our records maintenance program to assist in identifying the true owner of a vehicle.

Year of Vehicle _____ Make of Vehicle _____ Body Style _____ Current Texas License Plate _____

Mfg. Rated Carrying Capacity (Truck one ton or less) _____ Vehicle Identification Number _____

CHECK APPROPRIATE BLOCK:

NO FEE REQUIRED

☐ DESERT STORM VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

☐ VIETNAM VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

☐ KOREA VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

☐ WORLD WAR II VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

APPLICATION FEE: \$40.00 PER YEAR

Please read the instructions on the reverse side before completing your selections.

A license number that has already been issued or is deemed to be offensive or inappropriate will not be approved.

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED, STATE THAT I AM REQUESTING THIS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR A PASSENGER OR LIGHT COMMERCIAL VEHICLE HAVING A MANUFACTURER'S RATED CARRYING CAPACITY OF ONE TON OR LESS.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____

THE MAILING OF CASH IS DISCOURAGED. Please remit payment in the form of CASHIER'S CHECK, MONEY ORDER, or CHECK payable to the Texas Department of Transportation.

It's the law! Transportation Code §502.153 provides that a copy of current proof of financial responsibility such as a liability insurance card, policy, etc., must be submitted with this application.

FORWARD APPLICATION, FEE, AND PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO:
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION (SPB)
AUSTIN, TX 78779-0001

Questions regarding your application should be directed to the Special Plates Branch at (512) 374-5010, Option 1.

WARNING: TRANSPORTATION CODE §502.410 PROVIDES THAT FALSIFYING INFORMATION ON ANY REQUIRED STATEMENT OR APPLICATION IS A THIRD DEGREE FELONY.

(OVER)

INFORMATION ABOUT DESERT STORM VETERAN, VIETNAM VETERAN, KOREA VETERAN, AND WORLD WAR II VETERAN LICENSE PLATES

WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS?

DESERT STORM

1. Proof that the applicant served in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces or a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces deployed to the Middle East and there participated in Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm, and
2. Proof that the applicant is an active member of the U.S. Armed Forces or an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

VIETNAM VETERAN

1. Proof that the applicant served in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam beginning February 28, 1961, and ending May 7, 1975 or in all other cases beginning August 5, 1964, and ending May 7, 1975, or their surviving spouses, and
2. Proof that the applicant is an active member of the U.S. Armed forces or an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces

KOREA VETERAN

1. Proof that the applicant served in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces after June 26, 1950, and before February 1, 1955, and
2. Proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

WORLD WAR II VETERAN

1. Proof that the applicant served in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces after December 6, 1941, and before January 1, 1947, and
2. Proof that the applicant is an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.

WHAT ARE THE TITLE AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS?

Texas title and registration must be in the applicant's (veteran's) name. If an application for title has been filed in the applicant's name, attach a completed copy of Form VTR-500-RTS. Joint ownership between the applicant and spouse is permissible. If the vehicle is leased, attach a copy of the lease agreement.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

An applicant must submit a completed application form, Personalized License Plate fee (if applicable), and documentation verifying proof of eligibility to the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, VEHICLE TITLES AND REGISTRATION DIVISION (SPB), AUSTIN TX 78779-0001.

HOW ARE THE PLATES OBTAINED?

The department will mail you a notice when the plates have been shipped to your local county tax office. To obtain the special plates, you must surrender your current windshield validation sticker to the County Tax Assessor-Collector, and submit proof of current financial responsibility (liability insurance). The regular vehicle registration fee must be paid for the period during which the special plates are valid. If your vehicle is currently registered, the expiration date will be adjusted to correspond with the expiration of the special plates. Additional fees will be collected or credit will be issued as necessary to make this adjustment.

PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATE INSTRUCTIONS

Personalized license plate choices may consist of six (6) letters and/or numbers or less providing the choice has not already been issued and can be approved. Choices should be shown exactly as you wish them to appear on the license plates. Choices with alterations or erasures will not be considered. Each square of a choice block may be used to represent one (1) character, punctuation symbol, or space. Punctuation symbols which may be used are periods and dashes. Small letters cannot be used. Choices with six (6) characters are limited to two (2) symbols/spaces. Choices with five (5) characters or less may have symbols/spaces or a silhouette of Texas. Use an asterisk (*) to indicate the Texas silhouette.