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H.B. No. 628

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to issuance of specialty license plates to honor fallen law enforcement officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.680 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.680. FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates to honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The license plates must include:

(1) the words "A Hero Remembered Never Dies";

(2) the words "Honoring Law Enforcement"; and

(3) a depiction of a badge covered by a black mourning band.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of an account created by the comptroller in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b). Money deposited to that account may be used only by the Employees Retirement System of Texas to provide financial assistance to surviving family members of peace officers killed in the line of duty under Chapter 615, Government Code.

(c) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license plate issued under this section.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.