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H.B. No. 1778

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain  
3 professional sports teams.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 504.614(a), Transportation Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) The department may issue specialty license plates that  
8 include the name and insignia of a professional sports team located  
9 in this state. The department shall design the license plates in  
10 consultation with the professional sports team and may enter a  
11 trademark license with the professional sports team or its league  
12 to implement this section. A license plate may be issued under this  
13 section only for a professional sports team that:

14 (1) certifies to the department that the requirements  
15 of Section 504.702 are met; and

16 (2) plays its home games in a facility:

17 (A) constructed or operated, in whole or in part,  
18 with public funds; or

19 (B) owned, in whole or in part, by a public  
20 entity.

21 SECTION 2. Section 504.614(c)(2), Transportation Code, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 (2) "Professional sports team" means a sports team  
24 that is a member or an affiliate of a member of the National

1 Football League, National Basketball Association, [~~or~~] National  
2 Hockey League, Major League Soccer, or a major league baseball  
3 team.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.