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H.B. No. 1778

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

(2) plays its home games in a facility:
(A) constructed or operated, in whole or in part, with public funds; or

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

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

(2) "Professional sports team" means a sports team 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.