

1-1 By: Hinojosa, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 1778
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2023;
1-3 May 9, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation; May 17, 2023, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 17, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Nichols	X		
1-9	West	X		
1-10	Alvarado	X		
1-11	Eckhardt	X		
1-12	Hancock	X		
1-13	King	X		
1-14	Miles	X		
1-15	Parker	X		
1-16	Perry	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain
1-20 professional sports teams.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 504.614(a), Transportation Code, is
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (a) The department may issue specialty license plates that
1-25 include the name and insignia of a professional sports team located
1-26 in this state. The department shall design the license plates in
1-27 consultation with the professional sports team and may enter a
1-28 trademark license with the professional sports team or its league
1-29 to implement this section. A license plate may be issued under this
1-30 section only for a professional sports team that:

1-31 (1) certifies to the department that the requirements
1-32 of Section 504.702 are met; and

1-33 (2) plays its home games in a facility:

1-34 (A) constructed or operated, in whole or in part,
1-35 with public funds; or
1-36 (B) owned, in whole or in part, by a public
1-37 entity.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 504.614(c)(2), Transportation Code, is
1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 (2) "Professional sports team" means a sports team
1-41 that is a member or an affiliate of a member of the National
1-42 Football League, National Basketball Association, [~~or~~] National
1-43 Hockey League, Major League Soccer, or a major league baseball
1-44 team.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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