

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

C.S.H.B. 542  
By: Delisi  
Transportation  
Committee Report (Substituted)

### **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**

Section 502 of the Transportation code regulates specialty license plates. CSHB 542 provides for the creation of a Master Gardener License plate, with proceeds to be used to fund master gardener programs run by the Texas Cooperative Extension service.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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### **ANALYSIS**

#### **Section 1:**

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The bill further states that \$8 of the fee shall be used to administer the program. The remaining funds shall be deposited in a designated account for the Texas Cooperative Extension service for graduate school assistantships and other programs through the extension.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

On passage, or if the Act does not receive the necessary vote, the Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

### **COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE**

Committee Substitute House Bill 542 changes the amount of the fee that shall be used for administration, raising it from \$5 to \$8. This change brings HB 542 in line with other legislation to ensure conformity among specialized plates.

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