

BILL ANALYSIS

C.S.H.B. 631
By: Hilderbran
Transportation
Committee Report (Substituted)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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Participation in the Texas specialty license plate program will authorize the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children, Incorporated, ensure public awareness of the Texas Lions Camp as well as assist with the need for an ongoing fund raising effort.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

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Amends Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.310 establishing a specialty licence plate for the Texas Lions Camp.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2003

COMPARISON OF ORIGINAL TO SUBSTITUTE

Establishes the Texas Parks and Wildlife as the designated agency to administered the funds received from the sale of the specialty plates to be used only for a nonprofit organization that is accredited by the American Camping Association and is licenced by the Texas Department of Health and whose primary purpose is to provide, without charge, a camp for physically disabled, hearing or vision impaired, and diabetic children who reside in this state, regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

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