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H.B. No. 201

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the issuance of emergency medical services personnel  
3 license plates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Section 502.2681 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.2681. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a)  
8 The department shall issue specially designed license plates for  
9 passenger cars and light trucks owned by emergency medical services  
10 personnel certified by the Texas Department of Health under  
11 Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

12 (b) A person may apply at any time for registration under  
13 this section to the department through the county  
14 assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides. The  
15 department shall prescribe the form of the application. The  
16 department shall require an applicant to submit satisfactory proof  
17 of eligibility under this section.

18 (c) The fee for registration under this section and issuance  
19 of the special license plates is an annual fee of \$8, in addition to  
20 the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 or 501.162, and, if  
21 personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the  
22 fee prescribed by Section 502.251. The county assessor-collector  
23 shall send the annual fee to the department to defray the cost of  
24 providing the special license plates.

1       (d) Registration under this section is valid for one  
2 registration year.

3       (e) A person may register, for the person's own use, only  
4 one vehicle under this section.

5       (f) The owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
6 shall return the special license plates to the department if the  
7 owner disposes of the vehicle during the registration year. The  
8 owner may then register another vehicle under this section.

9       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
10 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
11 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
12 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
13 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.