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H.B. No. 542

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of Texas Master Gardener license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2737 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2737. TEXAS MASTER GARDENER LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks that include the seal of the Texas Master Gardener program of Texas Cooperative Extension.

(b) The department shall issue license plates under this section to a person who:

(1) applies to the assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 or 502.162 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(c) Of each fee collected under Subsection (b)(2), \$8 shall be used by the department only to defray the cost of administering this section. The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected to the credit of an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only to Texas Cooperative Extension for graduate student assistantships within the Texas Master Gardener program and to support Texas Cooperative Extension's

1 activities related to the Texas Master Gardener program.

2 (d) If the owner of a vehicle for which license plates were
3 issued under this section disposes of the vehicle during a
4 registration year, the owner shall return the special license
5 plates to the department.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.