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H.B. No. 737

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the issuance of Native Texan license plates to benefit
3 the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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 502.2737 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.2737. NATIVE TEXAN LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
8 department shall issue specially designed "Native Texan" license
9 plates for passenger cars, light trucks, and motorcycles.

10 (b) The license plates must include the words "Native Texan"
11 and be designed by the department in consultation with the
12 Department of Public Safety.

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

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

18 (2) provides a copy of a birth certificate proving
19 birth in Texas; and

20 (3) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee
21 prescribed by Section 502.160 or 502.161 and, if personalized
22 prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee
23 prescribed by Section 502.251.

24 (d) Of each fee collected under this section:

1 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general
2 revenue fund and used only to finance victims services provided by
3 the Department of Public Safety; and

4 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state
5 highway fund to defray the cost of administering this section.

6 (e) If license plates issued under this section are lost,
7 stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the license
8 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the
9 department by paying a replacement fee of \$5. If the owner of a
10 vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle
11 during the registration year, the owner shall return the special
12 license plates to the department.

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