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H.B. No. 2299

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the issuance of Texas Juneteenth special license
3 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 502.306 to read as follows:

7 Section 502.306. Texas Juneteenth License Plates.

8 (a) The department shall issue specially designed Texas
9 Juneteenth license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

10 (b) The department shall design the license plate in
11 consultation with the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and
12 Historical Commission.

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; and

18 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 in addition to the fee
19 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license
20 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section
21 502.251.

22 (d) Of each fee collected under subsection (d):

23 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas
24 Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission in a

1 special account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be
2 used only by the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and
3 Historical Commission for grants to Juneteenth USA to erect a
4 Juneteenth Memorial Monument on the South grounds of the State
5 Capitol, place Juneteenth monuments and markers in various
6 historical parts of Texas, develop a Juneteenth Museum, Cultural
7 and Educational institute, Recreation Center and Park, and
8 otherwise support the activities and projects of Juneteenth USA and
9 its affiliates; and

10 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state
11 highway fund.

12 (e) If the license plates issued under this section are
13 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the
14 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the
15 department by paying the replacement fee prescribed by Section
16 502.184(a)(2).

17 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section
18 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner
19 shall return the special license plates to the department.

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