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H.B. No. 2306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to new millennium special license plates and to the new millennium reading program account.

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

SECTION 1. The heading of Section 502.2663, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2663. TEXAS READS [~~NEW-MILLENNIUM~~] LICENSE PLATES.

SECTION 2. Sections 502.2663(a), (b), and (f), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The department shall issue specially designed Texas reads [~~new millennium~~] license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) The license plates must bear the words "Texas Reads" [~~"New Millennium"~~] and be of a color, quality, and design approved by the department from entries submitted by middle school students in a competition conducted by the department.

(f) The department shall deposit each fee collected under Subsection (d)(2) to the credit of an account in the general revenue fund to be known as the Texas reads [~~new millennium reading~~] program account. Money from the account may be used only to make grants under Section 441.0092, Government Code. The account is composed of:

(1) money required to be deposited to the credit of the account under this subsection; and

1 (2) donations made to the account.

2 SECTION 3. (a) The change in law made by this Act to Section
3 502.2663(f), Transportation Code, is only to change the name of the
4 new millennium reading program account and does not affect the
5 existence or contents of the account.

6 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation is not required
7 to issue Texas reads license plates until the department has issued
8 all new millennium license plates in stock on the effective date of
9 this Act. New millennium license plates to which this subsection
10 applies are governed by Section 502.2663, Transportation Code, as
11 it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and
12 that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

13 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.