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H.B. No. 2472

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of Knights of Columbus 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 502.2934 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2934. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. (a) The department shall issue specially designed Knights of Columbus license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) The license plates must include:

(1) the emblem of the Order of the Knights of Columbus;

and

(2) the words "Knights of Columbus."

(c) The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the Knights of Columbus.

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

(1) applies to the county tax 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 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(e) Of each fee collected under Subsection (d):

1 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the State
2 Council Charities account in the general fund to be used only by the
3 Texas Education Agency to make grants to State Council Charities to
4 carry out the purposes of that organization; and

5 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state
6 highway fund.

7 (f) If the license plates issued under this section are
8 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the
9 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the
10 department by paying the replacement fee prescribed by Section
11 502.184(a)(2).

12 (g) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section
13 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner
14 shall return the special license plates to the department.

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