

AN ACT

relating to the registration of vehicles and the issuance of license plates by the Texas Department of Transportation; providing penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 502.0071, 502.0072, 502.0073, 502.0074, 502.0078, and 502.0079 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.0071. GOLF CARTS. An owner of a golf cart is not required to register the golf cart if:

(1) the operation of the golf cart occurs in the daytime, as defined by Section 541.401; and

(2) the operation:

(A) does not exceed a distance of two miles from the point of origin to the destination if driven to and from a golf course;

(B) occurs entirely within a master planned community with a uniform set of restrictive covenants that has had a plat approved by a county or a municipality; or

(C) occurs on a public or private beach.

Sec. 502.0072. MANUFACTURED HOUSING. Manufactured housing, as defined by Section 1201.003, Occupations Code, is not a vehicle subject to this chapter.

Sec. 502.0073. POWER SWEEPERS. (a) An owner of a power

1 sweeper is not required to register the power sweeper.

2 (b) In this section, "power sweeper" means an implement,
3 with or without motive power, designed for the removal by broom,
4 vacuum, or regenerative air system of debris, dirt, gravel, litter,
5 or sand from asphaltic concrete or cement concrete surfaces,
6 including surfaces of parking lots, roads, streets, highways, and
7 warehouse floors. The term includes a vehicle on which the
8 implement is permanently mounted if the vehicle is used only as a
9 power sweeper.

10 Sec. 502.0074. MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE. The owner of a
11 motorized mobility device, as defined by Section 542.008, as
12 amended by Chapter 497, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular
13 Session, 2001, is not required to register the motorized mobility
14 device.

15 Sec. 502.0078. VEHICLES OPERATED ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY
16 SEPARATING REAL PROPERTY UNDER VEHICLE OWNER'S CONTROL. Where a
17 public highway separates real property under the control of the
18 owner of a motor vehicle, the operation of the motor vehicle by the
19 owner or the owner's agent or employee across the highway is not a
20 use of the motor vehicle on the public highway.

21 Sec. 502.0079. VEHICLES OPERATED BY CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS.

22 (a) A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer
23 that is registered in the state or country in which the person
24 resides may operate the vehicle to transport persons or property
25 for compensation without being registered in this state, if the
26 person does not exceed two trips in a calendar month and each trip
27 does not exceed four days.

1 (b) A nonresident owner of a privately owned vehicle that is
2 not registered in this state may not make more than five occasional
3 trips in any calendar month into this state using the vehicle. Each
4 occasional trip into this state may not exceed five days.

5 (c) A nonresident owner of a privately owned passenger car
6 that is registered in the state or country in which the person
7 resides and that is not operated for compensation may operate the
8 car in this state for the period in which the car's license plates
9 are valid. In this subsection, "nonresident" means a resident of a
10 state or country other than this state whose presence in this state
11 is as a visitor and who does not engage in gainful employment or
12 enter into business or an occupation, except as may otherwise be
13 provided by any reciprocal agreement with another state or country.

14 (d) This section does not prevent:

15 (1) a nonresident owner of a motor vehicle from
16 operating the vehicle in this state for the sole purpose of
17 marketing farm products raised exclusively by the person; or

18 (2) a resident of an adjoining state or country from
19 operating in this state a privately owned and registered vehicle to
20 go to and from the person's place of regular employment and to make
21 trips to purchase merchandise, if the vehicle is not operated for
22 compensation.

23 (e) The privileges provided by this section may be allowed
24 only if, under the laws of the appropriate state or country, similar
25 privileges are granted to vehicles registered under the laws of
26 this state and owned by residents of this state.

27 (f) This section does not affect the right or status of a

1 vehicle owner under any reciprocal agreement between this state and
2 another state or country.

3 SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
4 is amended by adding Sections 502.187 and 502.188 to read as
5 follows:

6 Sec. 502.187. PARADE VEHICLES OWNED BY NONPROFIT SERVICE
7 ORGANIZATIONS. (a) A motor vehicle owned and operated by a
8 nonprofit service organization and designed, constructed, and used
9 primarily for parade purposes is subject to registration as
10 provided by this chapter but is exempt from the fee otherwise
11 prescribed by this chapter.

12 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a vehicle for which a
13 registration fee has been paid under other law.

14 Sec. 502.188. CERTAIN SOIL CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT. (a)
15 The owner of a truck-tractor, semitrailer, or low-boy trailer used
16 on a highway exclusively to transport the owner's soil conservation
17 machinery or equipment used in clearing real property, terracing,
18 or building farm ponds, levees, or ditches may register the vehicle
19 for a fee equal to 50 percent of the fee otherwise prescribed by
20 this chapter for the vehicle.

21 (b) An owner may register only one truck-tractor and only
22 one semitrailer or low-boy trailer under this section.

23 (c) An owner applying for registration under this section
24 must submit a statement that the vehicle is to be used only as
25 provided by Subsection (a).

26 (d) The registration receipt issued for a vehicle
27 registered under this section shall state the nature of the

1 operation for which the vehicle may be used. The receipt must be
2 carried at all times in or on the vehicle to permit ready
3 inspection.

4 (e) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated
5 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be
6 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the
7 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by this
8 chapter.

9 SECTION 3. Section 503.038(c), Transportation Code, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (c) A person whose general distinguishing number is
12 canceled under this chapter shall surrender to a representative of
13 the department each license, license plate, temporary cardboard
14 tag, sticker, and receipt issued under this chapter not later than
15 the 10th day after the date the general distinguishing number is
16 canceled. The department shall direct any peace officer to secure
17 and return to the department any plate, tag, sticker, or receipt of
18 a person who does not comply with this subsection.

19 SECTION 4. Section 503.061, Transportation Code, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 503.061. DEALER'S LICENSE PLATES. (a) Instead of
22 registering under Chapter 502 a vehicle that the dealer owns,
23 operates, or permits to be operated on a public street or highway,
24 the dealer may apply for, receive, and attach metal dealer's
25 license plates to the vehicle if it is the type of vehicle:

- 26 (1) that the dealer sells; and
27 (2) for which the dealer has been issued a general

1 distinguishing number.

2 (b) The board may adopt rules regulating the issuance and
3 use of a license plate issued pursuant to the terms of this section.

4 SECTION 5. Section 503.066(d), Transportation Code, is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (d) A metal license plate issued under this chapter
7 ~~[section]~~ expires on the same date as the expiration of the dealer
8 license to which it is issued ~~[March 31 of the year after the year of~~
9 ~~issuance, unless provided otherwise by law or rule of the~~
10 ~~department's Motor Vehicle Board]~~.

11 SECTION 6. Subtitle A, Title 7, Transportation Code, is
12 amended by adding Chapter 504 to read as follows:

13 CHAPTER 504. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

14 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15 Sec. 504.001. DEFINITIONS. (a) In this chapter,
16 "commission" and "director" have the meanings assigned by Section
17 201.001.

18 (b) A word or phrase that is not defined by this chapter but
19 is defined by Section 502.001 has the meaning in this chapter that
20 is assigned by that section.

21 Sec. 504.002. PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY. Unless
22 expressly provided by this chapter or by department rule:

23 (1) any vehicle is eligible to be issued specialty
24 license plates, provided that the department may vary the design of
25 a license plate to accommodate or reflect its use on a motor vehicle
26 other than a passenger car or light truck;

27 (2) an application for specialty license plates must

1 be submitted in the manner specified by the department, provided
2 that if issuance of a specialty license plate is limited to
3 particular persons or motor vehicles, the application must be
4 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the department that the
5 applicant or the applicant's vehicle is eligible;

6 (3) the fee for issuance of a specialty license plate
7 is in addition to each other fee that is paid for or at the time of
8 the registration of the motor vehicle and shall be deposited to the
9 credit of the state highway fund;

10 (4) each fee described by this chapter is an annual
11 fee, provided that the department may prorate the fee for a
12 specialty license plate fee on a monthly basis to align the license
13 plate fee to the registration period for the motor vehicle for which
14 the license plate was issued, and if a fee is prorated the
15 allocation of the fee by this chapter to an account or fund shall be
16 prorated in proportion;

17 (5) the department is the exclusive owner of the
18 design of each specialty license plate;

19 (6) the director may refuse to issue a specialty
20 license plate with a design or alphanumeric pattern that the
21 director considers potentially objectionable to one or more members
22 of the public and the director's refusal may not be overturned in
23 the absence of an abuse of discretion;

24 (7) for each specialty license plate that is issued
25 through a county tax assessor-collector and for which the
26 department is allocated a portion of a fee for administrative
27 costs, the department shall credit 50 cents from its administrative

1 costs to the county treasurer of the applicable county, who shall
2 credit the money to the general fund of the county to defray the
3 costs to the county of administering this chapter;

4 (8) if a specialty license plate is lost, stolen, or
5 mutilated, an application for a replacement plate must be
6 accompanied by the fee prescribed by Section 502.184(a)(2);

7 (9) if the owner of a motor vehicle for which a
8 specialty license plate is issued disposes of the vehicle or for any
9 reason ceases to be eligible for that specialty license plate, the
10 owner shall return the specialty license plate to the department;
11 and

12 (10) a person who is issued a specialty license plate
13 may not transfer it to another person or vehicle without first
14 receiving approval from the department.

15 Sec. 504.003. SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department
16 may issue a souvenir version of any specialty license plate for any
17 vehicle, including a motorcycle.

18 (b) The fee for a single souvenir license plate is \$20. The
19 fee shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

20 (c) If the souvenir license plate is personalized, the fee
21 for the plate is \$40. Of the fee:

22 (1) \$20 shall be deposited to the credit of the state
23 highway fund; and

24 (2) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of
25 the general revenue fund.

26 (d) A souvenir license plate may not be used on a motor
27 vehicle, including a motorcycle, and is not an insignia of

1 registration for a motor vehicle. Each souvenir license plate must
2 be identified by the department in a way that identifies it to law
3 enforcement officers and others as a souvenir license plate.

4 Sec. 504.004. RULES AND FORMS. The commission may adopt
5 rules and the department may issue forms to implement and
6 administer this chapter.

7 [Sections 504.005-504.100 reserved for expansion]

8 SUBCHAPTER B. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

9 Sec. 504.101. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
10 department shall issue personalized license plates. The department
11 may not issue more than one set of license plates with the same
12 alphanumeric pattern.

13 (b) A personalized license plate may be issued for a
14 registration period only if the applicant submits an application
15 and pays the required fee for the applicable registration period. A
16 person who is issued a personalized license plate has first
17 priority on that license plate for each subsequent registration
18 period for which the person submits a new application for that
19 plate.

20 (c) The fee for issuance of a personalized license plate is
21 \$40.

22 (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of
23 personalized license plates to the same person before the sixth
24 anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for
25 issuance of replacement plates pays an additional fee of \$30.

26 (e) Of each fee collected by the department under this
27 section:

1 (2) is regularly operated for noncommercial use by or
2 for the transportation of a person with a permanent disability.

3 (c) An owner of a motor vehicle regularly operated by or for
4 the transportation of a person described by Subsection (a) may
5 apply to the department for registration under this section.

6 (d) The initial application for specialty license plates
7 under this section must be accompanied by a written statement from a
8 physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this state or in a
9 state adjacent to this state or who is authorized by applicable law
10 to practice medicine in a hospital or other health facility of the
11 Department of Veterans Affairs. If the applicant has a mobility
12 problem caused by a disorder of the foot, the written statement may
13 be issued by a person licensed to practice podiatry in this state or
14 a state adjacent to this state. In this subsection, "podiatry" has
15 the meaning assigned by Section 681.001. The statement must
16 certify that the person making the application or on whose behalf
17 the application is made is legally blind or has a mobility problem
18 that substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate. The
19 statement must also certify whether a mobility problem is temporary
20 or permanent. A written statement is not required as acceptable
21 medical proof if:

22 (1) the person with a disability:

23 (A) has had a limb, hand, or foot amputated; or

24 (B) must use a wheelchair; and

25 (2) the applicant and the county assessor-collector
26 processing the application execute an affidavit attesting to the
27 person's disability.

1 (e) A person with a disability may receive:

2 (1) one disabled parking placard under Section 681.002
3 if the person receives a set of license plates under this section;
4 or

5 (2) two disabled parking placards under Section
6 681.002 if the person does not receive a set of license plates under
7 this section.

8 (f) A license plate issued under this section must include
9 the symbol of access adopted by Rehabilitation International in
10 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on Rehabilitation of the
11 Disabled. The symbol must be the same size as the numbers on the
12 license plate.

13 (g) In addition to a license plate issued under this
14 section, an eligible person is entitled to be issued a set of the
15 license plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person that has a
16 carrying capacity of two tons or less and is equipped with special
17 equipment that:

18 (1) is designed to allow a person who has lost the use
19 of one or both of the person's legs to operate the vehicle; and

20 (2) is not standard equipment on that type of vehicle
21 for use by a person who has use of both legs.

22 Sec. 504.202. VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) A person
23 entitled to specialty license plates under this section may
24 register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without payment of
25 any fee paid for or at the time of registration except the fee for
26 the license plates. Registration under this section is valid for
27 one year.

1 (b) The department shall issue a specialty license plate for
2 a motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity
3 of two tons or less and that is owned by a veteran of the United
4 States armed forces. A veteran is entitled to register, for the
5 person's own use, two motor vehicles under this section if the
6 person:

7 (1) has suffered, as a result of military service:

8 (A) at least a 50 percent service-connected
9 disability; or

10 (B) a 40 percent service-connected disability
11 because of the amputation of a lower extremity; and

12 (2) receives compensation from the United States
13 because of the disability.

14 (c) An organization may register a motor vehicle under this
15 section if:

16 (1) the vehicle is used exclusively to transport
17 veterans of the United States armed forces who have suffered, as a
18 result of military service, a service-connected disability; and

19 (2) the veterans are not charged for the
20 transportation.

21 (d) A statement by the veterans county service officer of
22 the county in which a vehicle described by Subsection (b) is
23 registered or by the Department of Veterans Affairs that a vehicle
24 is used exclusively to transport veterans with disabilities without
25 charge is satisfactory proof of eligibility for an organization.

26 (e) License plates issued under this section must include:

27 (1) the letters "DV" as a prefix or suffix to any

1 numeral on the plate; and

2 (2) the words "Disabled Veteran" and "U.S. Armed
3 Forces" at the bottom of each license plate.

4 (f) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. The
5 fee for each additional set of license plates is \$15. If a license
6 plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, on payment of a \$1 fee the
7 department shall issue a set of replacement plates.

8 Sec. 504.203. ISSUANCE OF DISABLED LICENSE PLATES TO
9 CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS. (a) The department shall issue specialty
10 license plates under this subchapter for a van or bus operated by an
11 institution, facility, or residential retirement community for the
12 elderly or for veterans in which an eligible person resides,
13 including:

14 (1) an institution that holds a license issued under
15 Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code; or

16 (2) a facility that holds a license issued under
17 Chapter 246 or 247 of that code.

18 (b) An application for license plates under this section
19 must be accompanied by a written statement signed by the
20 administrator or manager of the institution, facility, or
21 retirement community certifying that the institution, facility, or
22 retirement community regularly transports, as a part of the
23 services that the institution, facility, or retirement community
24 provides, one or more eligible persons who reside in the
25 institution, facility, or retirement community. The department
26 shall determine the eligibility of the institution, facility, or
27 retirement community on the evidence the applicant provides.

1 (c) The application and eligibility requirements for a
2 license plate under this section are the same as those provided by
3 Sections 504.201 and 504.202, as applicable.

4 [Sections 504.204-504.300 reserved for expansion]

5 SUBCHAPTER D. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR THE MILITARY

6 Sec. 504.301. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO MILITARY
7 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. Unless expressly provided by this
8 subchapter or department rule:

9 (1) the department shall design specialty license
10 plates for the military; and

11 (2) a person is not eligible to be issued a specialty
12 license plate under this subchapter if the person was discharged
13 from the armed forces under conditions less than honorable.

14 Sec. 504.302. SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MILITARY
15 VETERANS. (a) The surviving spouse of a person who would be
16 eligible for a specialty license plate under this subchapter is
17 entitled to continue to register one vehicle under the applicable
18 section as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

19 (b) An applicant for registration under this section must
20 submit proof of the eligibility of the applicant's deceased spouse
21 for the applicable specialty license plate.

22 (c) A surviving spouse applying for specialty license
23 plates under this section must submit a written statement that the
24 spouse is unmarried. If the surviving spouse is applying for Former
25 Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor, or Purple Heart specialty
26 license plates, the statement must be sworn to by the surviving
27 spouse.

1 Sec. 504.303. MEMBERS OR FORMER MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES
2 ARMED FORCES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license
3 plates for active or former members of the United States armed
4 forces. The license plates must designate the appropriate branch
5 of the United States armed forces.

6 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

7 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

8 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

9 Sec. 504.304. MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES
10 AUXILIARIES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license
11 plates for members of:

12 (1) the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air
13 Patrol;

14 (2) the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; and

15 (3) the Marine Corps League or its auxiliary.

16 (b) The license plates must include the words "Texas Wing
17 Civil Air Patrol," the words "Coast Guard Auxiliary," or the emblem
18 of the Marine Corps League and the words "Marine Corps League," as
19 applicable.

20 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

21 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

22 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

23 Sec. 504.305. MEMBERS OF TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD, STATE GUARD,
24 OR UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RESERVES. (a) The department shall
25 issue without charge specialty license plates for:

26 (1) active members of the Texas National Guard or
27 Texas State Guard;

1 (2) retired members of the Texas National Guard or
2 Texas State Guard who have completed 20 or more years of
3 satisfactory federal service; and

4 (3) members of a reserve component of the United
5 States armed forces.

6 (b) The department shall design the license plates in
7 consultation with the adjutant general. The license plates must
8 include the words "Texas Guard" or "Armed Forces Reserve," as
9 applicable.

10 (c) A letter from the United States Department of Defense,
11 the Department of the Army, or the Department of the Air Force
12 stating that a retired guard member has 20 or more years of
13 satisfactory federal service is satisfactory proof of eligibility.

14 Sec. 504.306. PERSONS RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN MERCHANT
15 MARINE OF THE UNITED STATES. (a) The department shall issue
16 specialty license plates for persons retired from service in the
17 merchant marine of the United States. The license plates must
18 include the words "Merchant Marine." A person may be issued only one
19 set of license plates under this section.

20 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

21 Sec. 504.307. AIRBORNE PARACHUTISTS. (a) The department
22 shall issue specialty license plates for persons active and former
23 members of the United States armed services who have:

24 (1) satisfactorily completed the prescribed
25 proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or
26 the Airborne Department of the United States Army Infantry School;
27 or

1 (2) participated in at least one combat parachute
2 jump.

3 (b) The license plates must include a likeness of the
4 parachutist badge authorized by the Department of the Army.

5 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

6 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

7 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

8 Sec. 504.308. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL RECIPIENTS.

9 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
10 persons who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross medal.
11 The license plates must bear a depiction of the Distinguished
12 Flying Cross medal and the words "Distinguished Flying Cross" at
13 the bottom of each license plate.

14 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$3.

15 Sec. 504.309. MILITARY ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES. The
16 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for
17 persons who:

18 (1) are graduates of the United States Military
19 Academy, the United States Naval Academy, or the United States Air
20 Force Academy; and

21 (2) are current or former commissioned officers of the
22 United States armed forces.

23 Sec. 504.310. WORLD WAR II VETERANS. The department shall
24 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who
25 served in the United States or Allied armed forces during World War
26 II. The license plates must include the words "WWII Veteran."

27 Sec. 504.311. KOREAN WAR VETERANS. The department shall

1 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who
2 served in the United States armed forces after June 26, 1950, and
3 before February 1, 1955. License plates issued under this section
4 must include the words "Korea Veteran."

5 Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall
6 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who
7 served in the United States armed forces during:

8 (1) the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and
9 ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the
10 Republic of Vietnam during that period; or

11 (2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending
12 on May 7, 1975, in all other cases.

13 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
14 the words "Vietnam Veteran."

15 Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM VETERANS. The
16 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for
17 persons who served in the United States armed forces after August 1,
18 1990, and before April 12, 1991. License plates issued under this
19 section must include the words "Desert Storm."

20 Sec. 504.3135. OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. The department
21 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who
22 served in the United States armed forces on or after November 8,
23 2002, or on or before May 1, 2003. License plates issued under this
24 section must include the words "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

25 Sec. 504.314. ENDURING FREEDOM VETERANS. The department
26 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for persons
27 who served in the United States armed services and participated in

1 Operation Enduring Freedom. The license plates must include the
2 words "Enduring Freedom."

3 Sec. 504.315. MILITARY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR
4 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE. (a) A person entitled to specialty license
5 plates under this section may register, for the person's own use,
6 one vehicle without payment of any fee paid for or at the time of
7 registration except the fee for the license plates. Registration
8 is valid for one year and may be renewed without charge.

9 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

10 (1) \$3 for the first set of license plates; and

11 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

12 (c) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
13 a person who was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United
14 States during a period of conflict with the United States. The
15 license plates must show that the recipient is a former prisoner of
16 war.

17 (d) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
18 survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The
19 license plates must include the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor" and
20 must be consecutively numbered. A person is eligible if the person:

21 (1) served in the United States armed forces;

22 (2) was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands on December
23 7, 1941; and

24 (3) survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,
25 1941.

26 (e) The department shall issue specialty license plates to a
27 recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded under Title 10,

1 United States Code. The department shall assign the license plate
2 number, and the plates may not be personalized.

3 (f) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
4 recipients of the Air Force Cross or Distinguished Service Cross,
5 the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Medal
6 of Honor. The license plates must include the words "Legion of
7 Valor."

8 (g) The department shall issue specialty license plates for
9 recipients of the Purple Heart. License plates issued under this
10 subsection must include:

- 11 (1) the Purple Heart emblem;
12 (2) the words "Purple Heart" at the bottom of each
13 plate; and
14 (3) the letters "PH" as a prefix or suffix to the
15 numerals on the plate if the plate is not personalized.

16 [Sections 504.316-504.400 reserved for expansion]

17 SUBCHAPTER E. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES WITH
18 RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION

19 Sec. 504.401. STATE OFFICIALS. (a) The department shall
20 issue without charge specialty license plates to a state official.
21 The license plates must include the words "State Official."

22 (b) A state official may be issued three sets of license
23 plates under this section.

24 (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of
25 each year.

26 (d) In this section, "state official" means:

- 27 (1) a member of the legislature;

- 1 (2) the governor;
- 2 (3) the lieutenant governor;
- 3 (4) a justice of the supreme court;
- 4 (5) a judge of the court of criminal appeals;
- 5 (6) the attorney general;
- 6 (7) the commissioner of the General Land Office;
- 7 (8) the comptroller;
- 8 (9) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas;
- 9 (10) the commissioner of agriculture;
- 10 (11) the secretary of state; or
- 11 (12) a member of the State Board of Education.

12 Sec. 504.402. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. (a) The department
13 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for members of
14 congress. License plates issued under this section must include
15 the words "U.S. Congress."

16 (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates
17 under this section.

18 (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of
19 each year.

20 Sec. 504.403. STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES. (a) The department
21 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for a current
22 or visiting state or federal judge. The license plates must include
23 the words "State Judge" or "U.S. Judge," as appropriate.

24 (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates
25 under this section.

26 (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of
27 each year.

1 (d) In this section:

2 (1) "Federal judge" means:

3 (A) a judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of
4 Appeals;

5 (B) a judge or magistrate of a United States
6 district court; or

7 (C) a judge of a United States bankruptcy court.

8 (2) "State judge" means:

9 (A) a justice of the supreme court;

10 (B) a judge of the court of criminal appeals;

11 (C) a judge of a court of appeals;

12 (D) a district court judge;

13 (E) a presiding judge of an administrative
14 judicial district; or

15 (F) a statutory county court judge.

16 Sec. 504.404. FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES. (a) The
17 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for
18 current federal administrative law judges. The license plates shall
19 bear the words "U.S. A.L. Judge."

20 (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates
21 under this section.

22 Sec. 504.405. COUNTY JUDGES. (a) The department shall
23 issue without charge specialty license plates for current county
24 judges of this state. The license plates shall bear the words
25 "County Judge."

26 (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates
27 under this section.

1 (c) In this section, "county judge" means the judge of the
2 county court established by Section 15, Article V, Texas
3 Constitution.

4 Sec. 504.406. TEXAS CONSTABLES. The department shall issue
5 without charge specialty license plates for Texas constables. The
6 license plates shall bear the words "Texas Constable."

7 Sec. 504.407. PEACE OFFICERS WOUNDED OR KILLED IN LINE OF
8 DUTY. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for:

9 (1) a person wounded in the line of duty as a peace
10 officer; or

11 (2) a surviving spouse, parent, brother, sister, or
12 adult child, including an adopted child or stepchild, of a person
13 killed in the line of duty as a peace officer.

14 (b) License plates issued under this section must include
15 the words "To Protect and Serve" above an insignia depicting a
16 yellow rose superimposed over the outline of a badge.

17 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$20.

18 (d) In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning
19 assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

20 Sec. 504.408. GOLD STAR MOTHERS. (a) The department shall
21 issue specialty license plates for the mother of a person who died
22 while serving in the United States armed forces. License plates
23 issued under this section must include the words "Gold Star Mother"
24 and a gold star. A person may not be issued more than one set of the
25 license plates at a time.

26 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

27 Sec. 504.409. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. (a) The department

1 shall issue specialty license plates for volunteer firefighters
2 certified by:

3 (1) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or

4 (2) the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association
5 of Texas.

6 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$4.

7 (c) A person may be issued only one set of the license
8 plates.

9 Sec. 504.410. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. (a)

10 The department shall issue specialty license plates for emergency
11 medical services personnel certified by the Texas Department of
12 Health under Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

13 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$8.

14 (c) A person may be issued only one set of the license
15 plates.

16 Sec. 504.411. HONORARY CONSULS. (a) The department shall

17 issue specialty license plates for a person who is an honorary
18 consul authorized by the United States to perform consular duties.

19 License plates issued under this section must include the words
20 "Honorary Consul."

21 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$40.

22 Sec. 504.412. FOREIGN ORGANIZATION VEHICLES. (a) The

23 department shall issue specialty license plates for an
24 instrumentality established by a foreign government recognized by

25 the United States before January 1, 1979, that is without official
26 representation or diplomatic relations with the United States. The

27 license plates must include the words "Foreign Organization" and

1 shall remain valid for five years.

2 (b) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this
3 section may register the vehicle without payment of any fee paid for
4 or at the time of registration.

5 Sec. 504.413. MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION. (a) The
6 department shall issue specialty license plates for members of the
7 American Legion. The license plates shall include the words "Still
8 Serving America" and the emblem of the American Legion. The
9 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the
10 American Legion.

11 (b) The fee for the license plates is \$30.

12 (c) After deduction of \$8 to reimburse the department for
13 its administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of
14 the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the American
15 Legion, Department of Texas account in the state treasury. Money in
16 the account may be used only by the Texas Veterans Commission in
17 making grants to the American Legion Endowment Fund for
18 scholarships and youth programs sponsored by the American Legion,
19 Department of Texas.

20 [Sections 504.414-504.500 reserved for expansion]

21 SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES

22 Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) The department
23 shall issue specialty license plates for a motor vehicle that is at
24 least 25 years old. The license plates must include the words
25 "Classic Auto," "Classic Motorcycle," or "Classic Truck" or a
26 similar designation, as appropriate.

27 (b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use

1 license plates that were issued by this state in the same year as
2 the model year of the vehicle and are approved by the department.
3 The department may require the attachment of a registration
4 insignia to the license plate in a manner that does not affect the
5 display of information originally on the license plate.

6 (c) The fee for issuance or approval of license plates under
7 this section is \$15.

8 Sec. 504.502. CERTAIN EXHIBITION VEHICLES; OFFENSE. (a)
9 The department shall issue specialty license plates for a passenger
10 car, truck, motorcycle, or former military vehicle that:

11 (1) is at least 25 years old, if the vehicle is a
12 passenger car, truck, or motorcycle;

13 (2) is a collector's item;

14 (3) is used exclusively for exhibitions, club
15 activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and is
16 not used for regular transportation; and

17 (4) does not carry advertising.

18 (b) The license plates must include the words "Antique
19 Auto," "Antique Truck," "Antique Motorcycle," or "Military
20 Vehicle," as appropriate.

21 (c) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use
22 license plates issued by this state in the same year as the model
23 year of the vehicle and approved by the department, provided that a
24 passenger car must bear passenger car or truck license plates and a
25 truck must bear passenger car or truck license plates. The
26 department may require attachment of a registration insignia to the
27 license plate in a manner that does not affect the display of

1 information originally on the license plate.

2 (d) License plates issued or approved under this section
3 expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance or approval.

4 (e) The fee for issuance or approval of license plates under
5 this section is:

6 (1) \$10 for each year or portion of a year remaining in
7 the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured
8 in 1921 or later; or

9 (2) \$8 for each year or portion of a year remaining in
10 the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured
11 before 1921.

12 (f) The department may exempt a former military vehicle from
13 the requirement to display a license plate or registration insignia
14 if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate
15 military markings. The department may approve an alternative
16 registration insignia that is compatible with the vehicle's
17 original markings.

18 (g) A person entitled to specialty license plates or to
19 department approval under this section may register the vehicle
20 without payment of any fees paid for or at the time of registration
21 except the fee for the license plate. An owner of a vehicle
22 registered under this subsection who violates this section commits
23 an offense. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor
24 punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$200.

25 (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vehicle
26 issued license plates under Subsection (a) shall be required to
27 attach and display only one license plate on the rear of the

1 vehicle.

2 (i) In this section, "former military vehicle" means a
3 vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size,
4 weight, or year of manufacture, that:

5 (1) was manufactured for use in any country's military
6 forces; and

7 (2) is maintained to represent its military design and
8 markings accurately.

9 Sec. 504.503. MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE BUSES. (a) The
10 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for
11 municipal buses and private buses. The license plates must include
12 the words "City Bus" or "Private Bus," as appropriate.

13 (b) In this section, "private bus" means a bus that:

14 (1) is not operated for hire; and

15 (2) is not classified as a municipal bus or a motor
16 bus.

17 Sec. 504.504. CERTAIN FARM VEHICLES AND DRILLING AND
18 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. (a) The department shall issue specialty
19 license plates to a vehicle described by Subsection (b) or (c). The
20 fee for the license plates is \$5.

21 (b) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is
22 used only temporarily on the highways if the vehicle is:

23 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross
24 weight of more than 4,000 pounds but not more than 34,000 pounds
25 that is used exclusively to transport:

26 (A) seasonally harvested agricultural products
27 or livestock from the place of production to the place of

1 processing, market, or storage; or

2 (B) farm supplies from the place of loading to
3 the farm;

4 (2) machinery used exclusively for the purpose of
5 drilling water wells; or

6 (3) construction machinery that is not designed to
7 transport persons or property on a public highway.

8 (c) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is:

9 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer owned by a
10 cotton gin and used exclusively to transport agricultural products
11 without charge from the place of production to the place of
12 processing, market, or storage;

13 (2) a trailer used exclusively to transport fertilizer
14 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm; or

15 (3) a trailer used exclusively to transport cottonseed
16 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm or place
17 of processing.

18 (d) A vehicle described by Subsection (b) is exempt from the
19 inspection requirements of Subchapters B and F, Chapter 548.

20 (e) This section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm
21 semitrailer that:

22 (1) is used for hire;

23 (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the
24 highway;

25 (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or
26 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle
27 while in motion; or

1 (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with
2 all other law.

3 (f) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated
4 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be
5 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the
6 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by Chapter
7 502.

8 (g) In this section, the gross weight of a trailer or
9 semitrailer is the combined weight of the vehicle and the load
10 carried on the highway.

11 Sec. 504.505. COTTON VEHICLES. (a) The department shall
12 issue specialty license plates for a single motor vehicle that is:

13 (1) used only to transport seed cotton modules,
14 cotton, cotton burrs, or equipment used in transporting or
15 processing cotton; and

16 (2) not more than 10 feet in width.

17 (b) The license plates must include the words "Cotton
18 Vehicle."

19 (c) The initial fee for issuance of the license plates is
20 \$8. The license plates may be renewed without payment of a fee.

21 Sec. 504.506. CERTAIN LOG LOADER VEHICLES. (a) The
22 department shall issue specialty license plates for a vehicle that
23 is temporarily operated on public highways, during daylight hours
24 only, and on which machinery is mounted solely to load logs on other
25 vehicles.

26 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$62.50.

27 (c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this

1 section may register the vehicle without payment of any fee paid for
2 or at the time of registration other than the fee for the license
3 plates.

4 (d) A vehicle having a license plate issued under this
5 section is exempt from the inspection requirements of Chapter 548.

6 (e) This section does not apply to a vehicle used to haul
7 logs.

8 (f) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated
9 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be
10 operated or moved while unregistered and is immediately subject to
11 the applicable fees and penalties prescribed by Chapter 502.

12 Sec. 504.507. FORESTRY VEHICLES. (a) The department shall
13 issue specialty license plates for forestry vehicles. License
14 plates issued under this section must include the words "Forestry
15 Vehicle."

16 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$8. The
17 department shall:

18 (1) also collect any additional fee that a county
19 imposes under this chapter for registration of a forestry vehicle;
20 and

21 (2) send the fee to the appropriate county for
22 disposition.

23 (c) In this section, "forestry vehicle" means a vehicle used
24 exclusively for transporting forest products in their natural
25 state, including logs, debarked logs, untreated ties, stave bolts,
26 plywood bolts, pulpwood billets, wood chips, stumps, sawdust, moss,
27 bark, wood shavings, and property used in production of those

1 products.

2 Sec. 504.508. TOW TRUCKS. (a) The department shall issue
3 specialty license plates for a commercial motor vehicle used as a
4 tow truck. The license plates must include the words "Tow Truck."
5 A vehicle used commercially as a tow truck shall display license
6 plates issued under this section.

7 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$15.

8 (c) Proof of eligibility for license plates under this
9 section must include a copy of the registration certificate issued
10 by the department for the tow truck.

11 (d) In this section, "tow truck" means a motor vehicle
12 adapted or used to tow, winch, or otherwise move another motor
13 vehicle.

14 Sec. 504.509. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO
15 EQUIPMENT. (a) The department shall issue specialty license
16 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license
17 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates
18 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The
19 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as
20 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may
21 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio
22 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue
23 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each
24 vehicle.

25 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$2 for the
26 first year and \$1 for each subsequent year.

27 Sec. 504.510. GOLF CART LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department

1 shall issue specialty license plates for an eligible golf cart.

2 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

3 (c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this
4 section may register the golf cart without payment of any fees paid
5 for or at the time of registration other than the fee for the
6 license plates. This section does not authorize the operation of a
7 golf cart on a public road where it is otherwise prohibited by law.

8 (d) This section applies only to an owner of a golf cart who
9 resides:

10 (1) on real property that is owned or under the control
11 of the United States Corps of Engineers and is required by that
12 agency to register the owner's golf cart under this chapter; and

13 (2) in a county that borders another state and has a
14 population of more than 110,000 but less than 111,000.

15 [Sections 504.511-504.600 reserved for expansion]

16 SUBCHAPTER G. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

17 Sec. 504.601. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL
18 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. Unless
19 expressly provided by this subchapter or department rule:

20 (1) the fee for issuance of a license plate under this
21 subchapter is \$30; and

22 (2) of each fee received under this subchapter, the
23 department shall use \$8 to defray its administrative costs in
24 complying with this subchapter.

25 Sec. 504.602. KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
26 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words
27 "Keep Texas Beautiful." The department shall design the license

1 plates in consultation with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc.

2 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
3 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
4 shall be used in connection with the department's litter prevention
5 and community beautification programs.

6 Sec. 504.603. TEXAS CAPITOL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
7 department shall issue specialty license plates depicting the State
8 Capitol.

9 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
10 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
11 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

12 Sec. 504.604. TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS LICENSE PLATES.
13 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates including
14 the words "State of the Arts." The department shall design the
15 license plates in consultation with the Texas Commission on the
16 Arts.

17 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
18 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
19 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Commission on the Arts
20 operating fund established under Section 444.027, Government Code.

21 Sec. 504.605. ANIMAL FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
22 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words
23 "Animal Friendly." The department shall design the license plates.

24 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
25 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
26 shall be deposited to the credit of the animal friendly account
27 established by Section 828.014, Health and Safety Code.

Sec. 504.606. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATES. (a)

The department shall issue specialty license plates that include one or more graphic images of a significant feature of Big Bend National Park. The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and any organization designated by it.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the Big Bend National Park account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Parks and Wildlife Department to support the activities of a designated nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the improvement or preservation of Big Bend National Park.

Sec. 504.607. READ TO SUCCEED. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates including the words "Read to Succeed." The department shall design the license plates.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of the "Read to Succeed" account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only to provide educational materials for public school libraries. The account is composed of:

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

(2) donations made to the account.

Sec. 504.608. TEXAS COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license

plates that include the words "Boy Scouts of America." The

1 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the
2 Boy Scouts of America.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
4 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
5 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may
6 be appropriated only to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug
7 Abuse for drug-abuse prevention programs provided by nonprofit
8 organizations that primarily serve children.

9 (c) In selecting a program provider under Subsection (b), it
10 is the intent of the legislature that, to the extent permissible,
11 preference be given to a provider whose membership substantially
12 consists of persons who purchase the specialty license plates.

13 Sec. 504.609. UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LICENSE
14 PLATES. The department shall issue specialty license plates
15 including the words "United States Olympic Committee." The
16 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the
17 United States Olympic Committee.

18 Sec. 504.610. TEXAS AEROSPACE COMMISSION LICENSE PLATES.
19 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates including
20 the words "Texas Aerospace Commission." The department shall design
21 the license plates in consultation with the Texas Aerospace
22 Commission.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
25 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

26 Sec. 504.611. VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM LICENSE PLATES.

27 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates in

1 recognition of children. The department shall design the license
2 plates in consultation with the attorney general.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
4 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
5 shall be deposited to the credit of the attorney general volunteer
6 advocate program account in the general revenue fund. Money
7 deposited to the credit of the volunteer advocate program account
8 may be used only by the attorney general to fund a contract entered
9 into by the attorney general under Section 264.602, Family Code.

10 Sec. 504.612. TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE
11 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
12 including the words "And Justice for All." The department shall
13 design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Young
14 Lawyers Association.

15 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
16 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
17 shall be deposited to the credit of the basic civil legal services
18 account established by Section 51.943, Government Code.

19 Sec. 504.613. HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO LICENSE
20 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
21 including the words "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo." The
22 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the
23 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

24 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
25 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
26 shall be deposited to the credit of the Houston Livestock Show and
27 Rodeo scholarship account in the state treasury. Money in the

1 account may be used only by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
2 Board in making grants to benefit the Houston Livestock Show and
3 Rodeo.

4 Sec. 504.614. PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM LICENSE PLATES. (a)

5 The department may issue specialty license plates that include the
6 name and insignia of a professional sports team located in this
7 state. The department shall design the license plates in
8 consultation with the professional sports team and may enter a
9 trademark license with the professional sports team or its league
10 to implement this section. A license plate may be issued under this
11 section only for a professional sports team that:

12 (1) certifies to the department that it has determined
13 that at least 3,500 persons will apply for the plates; and

14 (2) plays its home games in a facility constructed or
15 operated, in whole or in part, with public funds.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
18 shall be sent to the public entity that provided public funds for
19 the construction or renovation of the facility in which the
20 professional sports team plays its home games or that provides
21 public funds for the operation of that facility. The funds shall be
22 deposited to the credit of the venue project fund, if the public
23 entity has created a venue project fund under Section 334.042 or
24 335.072, Local Government Code. If the public entity has not
25 created a venue project fund, funds distributed to a public entity
26 under this section must first be used to retire any public debt
27 incurred by the public entity in the construction or acquisition of

1 the facility in which the professional sports team plays its home
2 games. After that debt is retired, funds distributed to the public
3 entity may be spent only for maintenance or improvement of the
4 facility.

5 (c) In this section:

6 (1) "Public entity" includes a municipality, county,
7 industrial development corporation, or special district that is
8 authorized to plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, or
9 renovate a facility in which a professional sports team plays its
10 home games.

11 (2) "Professional sports team" means a sports team
12 that is a member or an affiliate of a member of the National
13 Football League, National Basketball Association, or National
14 Hockey League or a major league baseball team.

15 Sec. 504.615. COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
16 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
17 name and insignia of a college. The department shall design the
18 license plates in consultation with the applicable college. The
19 department may issue a license plate under this section only for a
20 college that certifies to the department that it has determined
21 that at least 1,500 persons will apply for the plates.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund. The
25 money may be used only for scholarships to students who demonstrate
26 a need for financial assistance under Texas Higher Education
27 Coordinating Board rule.

1 (c) If the fee is for the issuance of license plates for a
2 college described by Subsection (e)(1), the money:

3 (1) shall be deposited to the credit of the
4 institution of higher education designated on the license plates;
5 and

6 (2) is supplementary and is not income for purposes of
7 reducing general revenue appropriations to that institution of
8 higher education.

9 (d) If the fee is for the issuance of license plates for a
10 college described by Subsection (e)(2), the money shall be
11 deposited to the credit of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating
12 Board. The money:

13 (1) shall be allocated to students at the college
14 designated on the plates; and

15 (2) is in addition to other money that the board may
16 allocate to that college.

17 (e) In this section, "college" means:

18 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by
19 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

20 (2) a private college or university described by
21 Section 61.222, Education Code.

22 Sec. 504.616. TEXAS READS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
23 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words
24 "Texas Reads." The department shall design the license plates to
25 incorporate one or more submissions from middle school students in
26 a competition conducted by the department.

27 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative

1 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
2 the Texas Reads account in the general revenue fund. Money from the
3 account may be used only to make grants under Section 441.0092,
4 Government Code. The account is composed of:

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

7 (2) donations made to the account.

8 Sec. 504.617. TEXAS. IT'S LIKE A WHOLE OTHER COUNTRY
9 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license
10 plates that include the trademarked Texas patch and the words
11 "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country." The department shall
12 design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Department
13 of Economic Development.

14 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
15 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
16 shall be deposited to the credit of the tourism account in the
17 general revenue fund to finance the Texas Department of Economic
18 Development's tourism activities.

19 Sec. 504.618. CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
20 department shall issue specialty license plates to support Parks
21 and Wildlife Department activities. The department shall design
22 the license plates in consultation with the Parks and Wildlife
23 Department.

24 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
25 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
26 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas parks and wildlife
27 conservation and capital account established by Section 11.043,

1 Parks and Wildlife Code. Money deposited in the Texas parks and
2 wildlife conservation and capital account under this section is
3 supplementary and is not income for the purposes of reducing
4 general revenue appropriations to the Parks and Wildlife
5 Department.

6 Sec. 504.619. TEXAS COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF
7 HEARING LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty
8 license plates in support of the Texas Commission for the Deaf and
9 Hard of Hearing. The department shall design the license plates in
10 consultation with the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of
11 Hearing.

12 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
13 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates:

14 (1) shall be deposited to the credit of the general
15 revenue fund; and

16 (2) may be appropriated only to the Texas Commission
17 for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for direct services programs,
18 training, and education.

19 Sec. 504.620. TEXANS CONQUER CANCER LICENSE PLATES. (a)
20 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include
21 the words "Texans Conquer Cancer." The department shall design the
22 license plates in consultation with the Texas Cancer Council.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
25 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texans Conquer Cancer
26 account established by Section 102.017, Health and Safety Code.

27 Sec. 504.621. SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS LICENSE PLATES. (a)

1 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include
2 the words "Special Olympics Texas." The department shall design
3 the license plates in consultation with Special Olympics Texas.

4 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
5 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
6 shall be deposited to the credit of the Special Olympics Texas
7 account established by Section 533.018, Health and Safety Code.

8 Sec. 504.622. GIRL SCOUT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
9 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
10 words "Girl Scouts." The department shall design the license
11 plates in consultation with the Girl Scout Councils of Texas.

12 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
13 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
14 shall be deposited to the credit of the Girl Scout account in the
15 state treasury. Money in the account may be used by the Texas
16 Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit
17 educational projects sponsored by the Girl Scout Councils of Texas.

18 Sec. 504.623. TEXAS YMCA. (a) The department shall issue
19 specialty license plates in honor of the Young Men's Christian
20 Association. The department shall design the license plates.

21 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
22 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
23 shall be deposited to the credit of the YMCA account established by
24 Section 7.025, Education Code, as added by Chapter 869, Acts of the
25 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

26 Sec. 504.624. 100TH FOOTBALL SEASON OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
27 HIGH SCHOOL. (a) The department shall issue specialty license

1 plates in honor of the 100th football season of Stephen F. Austin
2 High School in Austin. The department shall design the license
3 plates in consultation with the principal of Stephen F. Austin High
4 School.

5 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
6 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
7 shall be sent to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to the
8 Austin Independent School District to be used only for the benefit
9 of the Austin High School Athletic Department.

10 Sec. 504.625. TEXAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LICENSE PLATES.

11 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates that
12 include the words "Go Texan" and the "Go Texan" logo of the
13 Department of Agriculture. The department shall design the license
14 plates in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture.

15 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
16 costs, the department shall deposit the remainder of the proceeds
17 to the credit of the "Go Texan" partner program account established
18 by Section 46.008, Agriculture Code.

19 Sec. 504.626. TEXAS CITRUS INDUSTRY. (a) The department

20 shall issue specialty license plates in honor of the citrus
21 industry in this state. The department shall design the license
22 plates.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
25 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the general
26 revenue fund that may be appropriated only to Texas A&M
27 University--Kingsville to provide financial assistance to graduate

1 students in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences.

2 Sec. 504.627. WATERFOWL AND WETLAND CONSERVATION LICENSE
3 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
4 including one or more graphic images supplied by the Parks and
5 Wildlife Department. The department shall design the license
6 plates in consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and
7 any organization designated by it.

8 (b) After deducting the department's administrative costs,
9 the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be
10 deposited to the credit of an account in the state treasury. Money
11 in the account may be used only by the Parks and Wildlife Department
12 to support the activities of a designated nonprofit organization
13 whose primary purpose is the conservation of waterfowl and wetland.

14 Sec. 504.628. UNITED WE STAND LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
15 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
16 words "United We Stand" and include only the colors red, white,
17 blue, and black.

18 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
19 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
20 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas mobility fund.

21 Sec. 504.629. TEXAS PGA JUNIOR GOLF LICENSE PLATES. (a)
22 The department shall issue specialty license plates in honor of
23 Texas PGA Junior Golf. The department shall design the license
24 plates in consultation with Texas PGA Junior Golf.

25 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
26 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
27 the general revenue fund for use only by the Parks and Wildlife

1 Department in making grants to benefit Texas PGA Junior Golf to
2 provide scholarships to students.

3 Sec. 504.630. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES. (a)
4 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include
5 the words "Air Force Association." The department shall design the
6 license plates in consultation with the Air Force Association of
7 Texas.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
9 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
10 the Air Force Association of Texas account in the state treasury.
11 Money in the account may be used by the Texas Veterans Commission in
12 making grants to benefit projects sponsored by the Air Force
13 Association of Texas.

14 Sec. 504.631. TEXAS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.
15 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates to honor
16 the Texas State Rifle Association.

17 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
18 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
19 an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only
20 to The Texas A&M University System to supplement existing and
21 future scholarship programs supported by the Texas State Rifle
22 Association and to provide grants to 4-H Club shooting sports
23 programs to promote safety education.

24 Sec. 504.632. URBAN FORESTRY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
25 department shall issue specialty license plates to benefit urban
26 forestry. The department shall design the license plates in
27 consultation with an organization described in Subsection (b).

1 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
2 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
3 the urban forestry account in the state treasury. Money in the
4 account may be used by the Texas Forest Service in making grants to
5 support the activities of a nonprofit organization located in Texas
6 whose primary purpose is to sponsor projects involving urban and
7 community:

8 (1) tree planting;

9 (2) tree preservation; and

10 (3) tree education programs.

11 Sec. 504.633. SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
12 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
13 words "Share the Road" and the image of a bicycle or a bicycle with a
14 rider. The department shall design the plates in consultation with
15 the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
18 the share the road account in the state treasury to be used only by
19 the Texas Education Agency to support the activities of a
20 designated nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to
21 promote bicyclist safety, education, and access through:

22 (1) education and awareness programs; and

23 (2) training, workshops, educational materials, and
24 media events.

25 (c) Up to 25 percent of the amount in Subsection (b) may be
26 used to support the activities of the nonprofit organization in
27 marketing and promoting the share the road concept and license

1 plates.

2 Sec. 504.634. SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK
3 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue San Antonio
4 Missions National Historical Park specialty license plates. The
5 department shall design the license plates in consultation with Los
6 Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

7 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
8 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
9 Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park
10 account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used
11 only by the Texas Historical Commission in making grants to Los
12 Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park to be
13 used for the purpose of the preservation and rehabilitation of the
14 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

15 Sec. 504.635. EL PASO MISSION VALLEY LICENSE PLATES. (a)
16 The department shall issue El Paso Mission Valley specialty license
17 plates. The department shall design the license plates in
18 consultation with the Socorro Mission Restoration Effort.

19 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
20 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
21 the El Paso Mission Restoration account in the state treasury.
22 Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Historical
23 Commission in making grants to the Socorro Mission Restoration
24 Effort to be used for the purpose of the preservation and
25 rehabilitation of the Socorro Mission.

26 Sec. 504.636. COTTON BOLL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
27 department shall issue specialty license plates depicting a graphic

1 image of a cotton boll. The department shall design the license
2 plates in consultation with Texas Cotton Producers, Inc.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
4 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
5 the general revenue fund for use only by the Texas Higher Education
6 Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit Texas Cotton
7 Producers, Inc., for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to
8 students who are pursuing a degree in an agricultural field related
9 to the cotton industry while enrolled in an institution of higher
10 education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

11 Sec. 504.637. DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS LICENSE
12 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
13 that include the words "Native Texan." The department shall design
14 the license plates in consultation with the Daughters of the
15 Republic of Texas.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of
18 the Daughters of the Republic of Texas account in the state
19 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas
20 Department of Economic Development or its successor agency in
21 making grants to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to be used
22 only for the purpose of:

23 (1) preserving Texas historic sites; or
24 (2) funding educational programs that teach Texas
25 history.

26 Sec. 504.638. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
27 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the

1 words "Knights of Columbus" and the emblem of the Order of the
2 Knights of Columbus. The department shall design the license
3 plates in consultation with the Knights of Columbus.

4 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
5 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
6 shall be deposited to the credit of the State Council Charities
7 account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be
8 used only by the Texas Education Agency to make grants to State
9 Council Charities to carry out the purposes of that organization.

10 Sec. 504.639. TEXAS MUSIC LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
11 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
12 words "Texas Music." The department shall design the license
13 plates in consultation with the governor's office.

14 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
15 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
16 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Music Foundation
17 account established by Section 7.027, Education Code.

18 Sec. 504.640. SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES. (a)
19 The department shall issue Space Shuttle Columbia specialty license
20 plates. The department shall design the license plates in
21 consultation with the Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may
25 be used only by the Texas Aerospace Commission or its successor
26 agency in making grants to benefit the Aviation and Space
27 Foundation of Texas for the purposes of furthering aviation and

1 space activities in Texas and providing Columbia Crew memorial
2 scholarships to students.

3 Sec. 504.641. BE A BLOOD DONOR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
4 department shall issue Be a Blood Donor specialty license plates.
5 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with
6 the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston.

7 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
8 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
9 shall be deposited to the credit of the be a blood donor account
10 under Section 162.016, Health and Safety Code.

11 Sec. 504.642. TEXAS COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD LICENSE
12 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue Texas County Child Welfare
13 Boards specialty license plates. The department shall design the
14 license plates in consultation with the Texas Council of Child
15 Welfare Boards, Inc.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
18 shall be deposited to the credit of a special account for abused and
19 neglected children established at the Department of Protective and
20 Regulatory Services. Money in the account may be used only by the
21 Department of Protective and Regulatory Services to fund programs
22 and services supporting abused and neglected children under Section
23 264.004, Family Code.

24 Sec. 504.643. STAR DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY READERS ARE LEADERS
25 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license
26 plates that include the words "STAR Day School Library Readers Are
27 Leaders." The department shall design the license plates in

1 consultation with the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)
2 Day Foundation.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
4 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
5 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and
6 used only by the Texas Education Agency in making grants to benefit
7 the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation to
8 be used only for the purpose of providing supplementary reading and
9 service programs in partnership with public schools in this state
10 for seventh and eighth grade public school students.

11 Sec. 504.644. MARINE MAMMAL RECOVERY LICENSE PLATES. (a)
12 The department shall issue Marine Mammal Recovery specialty license
13 plates. The department shall design the license plates in
14 consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas
15 Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
18 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the state
19 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Parks and
20 Wildlife Department to support the activities of the Texas Marine
21 Mammal Stranding Network in the recovery, rehabilitation, and
22 release of stranded marine mammals. The Parks and Wildlife
23 Department shall establish reporting and other mechanisms
24 necessary to ensure that the money is spent for purposes for which
25 it is dedicated.

26 Sec. 504.645. 4-H LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall
27 issue specialty license plates that include the words "To Make the

1 Best Better," the words "Texas 4-H," and the 4-H symbol of the
2 four-leaf clover. The department shall design the license plates
3 in consultation with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

4 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
5 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
6 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and
7 shall be used only by the Texas Cooperative Extension of the Texas
8 A&M University System for 4-H and Youth Development Programs and to
9 support the Texas Cooperative Extension's activities related to 4-H
10 and Youth Development Programs.

11 Sec. 504.646. SMILE TEXAS STYLE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
12 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
13 words "Smile Texas Style." The department shall design the license
14 plates in consultation with the Texas Dental Association.

15 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
16 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
17 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be
18 used only by the Texas Department of Health in making grants to
19 benefit the Texas Dental Association Financial Services for the
20 sole use of providing charitable dental care.

21 Sec. 504.647. FIGHT TERRORISM LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
22 department shall issue Fight Terrorism specialty license plates.
23 The license plates shall include a pentagon-shaped border
24 surrounding:

25 (1) the date "9-11-01" with the likeness of the World
26 Trade Center towers forming the "11";

27 (2) the likeness of the United States flag; and

1 (3) the words "Fight Terrorism."

2 (b) The fee shall be deposited to the credit of the state
3 highway fund.

4 Sec. 504.648. GOD BLESS TEXAS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA LICENSE
5 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
6 that include the words "God Bless Texas" and "God Bless America."

7 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
8 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
9 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and may
10 only be used for the Safe Routes to School Program.

11 (c) The fee for the license plates is \$40.

12 Sec. 504.649. TEXAS JUNETEENTH LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
13 department shall issue Texas Juneteenth specialty license plates.
14 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with
15 the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical
16 Commission.

17 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
18 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
19 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Emancipation
20 Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission in a special account
21 in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the
22 Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission
23 for grants to Juneteenth USA to erect a Juneteenth Memorial
24 Monument on the south grounds of the State Capitol, place
25 Juneteenth monuments and markers in various historical parts of
26 Texas, develop a Juneteenth Museum, Cultural, and Educational
27 Institute, Recreation Center, and Park, and otherwise support the

1 activities and projects of Juneteenth USA and its affiliates.

2 Sec. 504.650. KEEPING TEXAS STRONG LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
3 department shall issue Keeping Texas Strong specialty license
4 plates. The department shall design the license plates in
5 consultation with the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

6 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
7 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
8 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Alliance Education
9 Program account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account
10 may be used only by the Texas Education Agency to finance the
11 education programs of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

12 Sec. 504.651. MARCH OF DIMES LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
13 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
14 words "March of Dimes." The department shall design the license
15 plates in consultation with the March of Dimes Texas Chapter.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
18 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Health
19 for use in the Birth Defects Registry.

20 Sec. 504.652. MASTER GARDENER LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
21 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the
22 seal of the Texas Master Gardener program of Texas Cooperative
23 Extension.

24 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
25 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
26 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the general
27 revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by Texas

1 Cooperative Extension for graduate student assistantships within
2 the Texas Master Gardener program and to support Texas Cooperative
3 Extension's activities related to the Texas Master Gardener
4 program.

5 Sec. 504.653. MOTHER-CHILD SURVIVORS EDUCATIONAL
6 SCHOLARSHIP FUND LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue
7 mother-child survivors educational scholarship fund specialty
8 license plates. The department shall design the license plates in
9 consultation with Texans for Equal Justice.

10 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
11 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
12 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may
13 only be used by the attorney general to support the Texans for Equal
14 Justice mother-child survivors educational scholarship fund for
15 educational scholarships to:

16 (1) surviving spouses of homicide victims who have one
17 or more minor children and who need further education to adequately
18 support the family; and

19 (2) surviving children of homicide victims entering an
20 institution of higher education or vocational school for the first
21 time.

22 Sec. 504.654. EAGLE SCOUT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
23 department shall issue specialty license plates that bear a
24 depiction of the Eagle Scout medal.

25 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
26 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
27 shall be deposited to the credit of the Eagle Scout account in the

1 general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by the
2 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to
3 support projects sponsored by Boy Scout councils in this state. The
4 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute grants
5 under this section geographically as nearly as possible in
6 proportion to the number of license plates issued under this
7 section in each region of the state.

8 Sec. 504.655. TEJANO MONUMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
9 department shall issue Tejano Monument specialty license plates.
10 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with
11 The Tejano Monument, Inc.

12 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
13 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
14 shall be deposited to the credit of the Tejano Monument account in
15 the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by
16 the State Preservation Board to design and erect a Tejano Monument
17 for placement on the Capitol grounds or related educational
18 programs.

19 Sec. 504.656. TEXAS LIONS CAMP LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
20 department shall issue Texas Lions Camp specialty license plates.
21 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with
22 the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates
25 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Lions Camp account in
26 the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the
27 Parks and Wildlife Department to support the activities of a

1 designated nonprofit organization that is accredited by the
2 American Camping Association and is licensed by the Texas
3 Department of Health and whose primary purpose is to provide,
4 without charge, a camp for physically disabled, hearing or vision
5 impaired, and diabetic children who reside in this state,
6 regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The Parks and
7 Wildlife Department shall establish reporting and other mechanisms
8 necessary to ensure that the money is spent only for the purposes
9 for which it is dedicated.

10 [Sections 504.657-504.700 reserved for expansion]

11 SUBCHAPTER H. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS RELATING TO

12 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

13 Sec. 504.701. DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN SPECIALTY LICENSE
14 PLATES. (a) This section applies only to license plates authorized
15 by:

16 (1) Section 504.602;

17 (2) Section 504.603;

18 (3) Section 504.604;

19 (4) Section 504.605;

20 (5) Section 504.606;

21 (6) Section 504.607;

22 (7) Section 504.608;

23 (8) Section 504.609;

24 (9) Section 504.610;

25 (10) Section 504.611;

26 (11) Section 504.612;

27 (12) Section 504.613;

1 (13) Section 504.614; or

2 (14) Section 504.615.

3 (b) Except as provided by Subsections (d) and (e), on or
4 after September 1, 2004, the department may continue to issue
5 license plates to which this section applies only if before that
6 date at least:

7 (1) 3,500 sets of the license plates authorized by the
8 applicable section of this chapter have been issued or presold;

9 (2) \$15,000 has been received by the department from
10 the issuance of license plates under that section; or

11 (3) \$15,000 has been deposited with the department for
12 the continued issuance of those license plates.

13 (c) If before September 1, 2004, one of the conditions
14 described by Subsection (b) is not met for the license plate, the
15 section that authorizes the issuance of that license plate expires
16 on that date.

17 (d) On or after September 1, 2004, the department may
18 continue to issue license plates under:

19 (1) Section 504.615 for a particular institution of
20 higher education or private college or university only if before
21 that date:

22 (A) 1,500 sets of license plates for the
23 particular institution, college, or university have been issued or
24 presold;

25 (B) \$15,000 has been received by the department
26 from the issuance of the license plates for that institution,
27 college, or university; or

1 (C) \$15,000 has been deposited with the
2 department for the continued issuance of the license plates for
3 that institution, college, or university; or

4 (2) Section 504.614 for a particular professional
5 sports team only if before that date:

6 (A) 3,500 sets of the license plates for that
7 sports team have been issued or presold;

8 (B) \$15,000 has been received by the department
9 from the issuance of license plates for that sports team; or

10 (C) \$15,000 has been deposited with the
11 department for the continued issuance of license plates for that
12 sports team.

13 (e) Money deposited with the department under Subsection
14 (b)(3), (d)(1)(C), or (d)(2)(C) shall be returned by the department
15 to the person who made the deposit only after the requisite number
16 of license plates under those subsections are issued or presold.

17 Sec. 504.702. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES AUTHORIZED AFTER
18 JANUARY 1, 1999. (a) This section applies only to specialty
19 license plates that are authorized to be issued by a law that takes
20 effect on or after January 1, 1999.

21 (b) The department may manufacture the specialty license
22 plates only if a request for manufacture of the license plates is
23 filed with the department. The request must be:

24 (1) made on a form adopted by the department;

25 (2) filed before the fifth anniversary of the
26 effective date of the law that authorizes the issuance of the
27 specialty license plates; and

1 (3) accompanied by:

2 (A) a deposit of \$15,000; or

3 (B) applications for issuance of at least 3,500
4 sets of the license plates plus the fees for issuance of that number
5 of sets.

6 (c) Money deposited with the department under Subsection
7 (b)(3)(A) shall be returned to the person who made the deposit only
8 if 3,500 sets of the applicable license plates are issued or
9 presold.

10 (d) If a request is not filed with the department before the
11 date specified by Subsection (b)(2), the law that authorizes the
12 issuance of the specialty license plates expires on that date.

13 [Sections 504.703-504.800 reserved for expansion]

14 SUBCHAPTER I. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

15 Sec. 504.801. CREATION OF NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES BY
16 THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The department may create new specialty
17 license plates on its own initiative or on receipt of an application
18 from a potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created
19 under this section must comply with each requirement of Section
20 504.702 unless the license is created by the department on its own
21 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate
22 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an
23 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall
24 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate,
25 except that the department may require a lower deposit amount to
26 reflect the actual costs of redesigning the license plate.

27 (b) Any person may sponsor a new specialty license plate by

1 submitting an application to the department. An application may
2 nominate a state agency to receive funds derived from the issuance
3 of the license plates. The application may also identify uses to
4 which those funds should be appropriated.

5 (c) The department shall design each new specialty license
6 plate in consultation with the sponsor, if any, that applied for
7 creation of that specialty license plate. The department may
8 refuse to create a new specialty license plate if the design might
9 be offensive to any member of the public, if the nominated state
10 agency does not consent to receipt of the funds derived from
11 issuance of the license plate, if the uses identified for those
12 funds might violate a statute or constitutional provision, or for
13 any other reason established by rule. At the request of the
14 sponsor, distribution of the license plate may be limited by the
15 department.

16 (d) The fee for issuance of license plates authorized under
17 this subchapter is \$30 unless the department sets a higher fee.

18 (e) For each fee collected:

19 (1) \$8 shall be used to reimburse the department for
20 its administrative costs; and

21 (2) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of:

22 (A) the specialty license plate fund, which is an
23 account in the general revenue fund, if the sponsor nominated a
24 state agency to receive the funds; or

25 (B) the state highway fund if the sponsor did not
26 nominate a state agency to receive the funds or if there is no
27 sponsor.

1 (f) Subchapter D, Chapter 316, Government Code, and Section
2 403.095, Government Code, do not apply to fees collected under this
3 section.

4 (g) The department may report to the legislature at any time
5 concerning implementation of this section. The report may include
6 recommendations concerning the appropriations, by amount, state
7 agency, and uses, that are necessary to implement the requests of
8 sponsors.

9 (h) The department may vary the design of a license plate
10 created under this section to accommodate or reflect its use on a
11 motor vehicle other than a passenger car or light truck.

12 (i) The sponsor of a new specialty plate may not be a
13 for-profit enterprise.

14 [Sections 504.802-504.850 reserved for expansion]

15 SUBCHAPTER J. MARKETING OF SPECIALTY

16 PLATES THROUGH PRIVATE VENDOR

17 Sec. 504.851. CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE VENDOR. (a) The
18 commission may authorize the department to enter into a contract
19 with the private vendor whose proposal is most advantageous to the
20 state as determined from competitive sealed proposals for the
21 marketing and sale of:

22 (1) personalized prestige license plates authorized
23 by Section 504.101; or

24 (2) other specialized license plates authorized by
25 this subchapter.

26 (b) Instead of the fees established by Section 504.101(c),
27 if the commission authorizes the department to contract with a

1 private vendor under Subsection (a)(1) for the marketing and sale
2 of personalized prestige license plates, the commission by rule
3 shall establish fees for the issuance or renewal of personalized
4 prestige license plates that are marketed and sold by the private
5 vendor. Fees must be reasonable and not less than the greater of:

6 (1) the amounts necessary to allow the department to
7 recover all costs to the department associated with the evaluation
8 of the competitive sealed proposals received by the department and
9 with the implementation and enforcement of the contract, including
10 direct, indirect, and administrative costs; or

11 (2) the amount established by Section 504.101(c).

12 (c) If the commission authorizes the department to contract
13 with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(2) for the marketing and
14 sale of other specialized license plates authorized by this
15 subchapter, including specialized license plates that may be
16 personalized, the commission by rule shall establish the fees for
17 the issuance or renewal of specialized license plates that are
18 marketed and sold by the private vendor. Fees must be reasonable
19 and not less than the amounts necessary to allow the department to
20 recover all costs to the department associated with the evaluation
21 of the competitive sealed proposals received by the department and
22 with the implementation and enforcement of the contract, including
23 direct, indirect, and administrative costs. A fee established
24 under this subsection is in addition to:

25 (1) the registration fee and any optional registration
26 fee prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle for which the
27 specialized license plates are issued;

1 (2) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter
2 for the issuance of the specialized license plates for that
3 vehicle; and

4 (3) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter
5 for the issuance of personalized license plates for that vehicle.

6 (d) At any time as necessary to comply with Subsection (b)
7 or (c), the commission may increase or decrease the amount of a fee
8 established under the applicable subsection.

9 (e) A contract with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(1)
10 is payable only from amounts derived from the collection of the fee
11 established under Subsection (b). A contract with a private vendor
12 under Subsection (a)(2) is payable only from amounts derived from
13 the collection of the fee established under Subsection (c).

14 (f) The department may create new design and color
15 combinations for personalized prestige license plates that are
16 marketed or sold by a private vendor under a contract entered into
17 under Subsection (a)(1). Each approved license plate design and
18 color combination remains the property of the department.

19 (g) The department may create new design and color
20 combinations for specialized license plates, including specialized
21 license plates that may be personalized, that are marketed or sold
22 by a private vendor under a contract entered into under Subsection
23 (a)(2). Each approved license plate design and color combination
24 remains the property of the department. This subsection does not
25 authorize:

26 (1) the department to approve a design or color
27 combination for a specialized license plate that is inconsistent

1 with the design or color combination specified for the license
2 plate by the section of this subchapter that authorizes the
3 issuance of the specialized license plate; or

4 (2) the private vendor to market or sell a specialized
5 license plate with a design or color combination that is
6 inconsistent with the design or color combination specified by that
7 section.

8 (h) In connection with a license plate that is marketed or
9 sold by a private vendor under contract, the department may cancel a
10 license plate or require the discontinuation of a license plate
11 design or color combination at any time if the department
12 determines that the cancellation or discontinuation is in the best
13 interest of this state or the motoring public.

14 (i) A contract entered into by the department with a private
15 vendor under this section:

16 (1) must comply with any law generally applicable to a
17 contract for services entered into by the department;

18 (2) must require the private vendor to render at least
19 quarterly to the department periodic accounts that accurately
20 detail all material transactions, including information reasonably
21 required by the department to support fees that are collected by the
22 vendor, and to regularly remit all money payable to the department
23 under the contract; and

24 (3) may allow or require the private vendor to
25 establish an electronic infrastructure coordinated and compatible
26 with the department's registration system, by which motor vehicle
27 owners may electronically send and receive applications, other

1 documents, or required payments, and that, when secure access is
2 necessary, can be electronically validated by the department.

3 (j) From amounts received by the department, the department
4 shall deposit to the credit of the state highway fund an amount
5 sufficient to enable the department to recover its administrative
6 costs for all license plates issued under this section, including
7 any payments to the vendor under Subsection (a), and any other
8 amounts allocated to the state highway fund by another law. To the
9 extent that disposition of other amounts received from the vendor
10 are governed by another law, those amounts shall be deposited in
11 accordance with the other law, and for each type of license plate
12 the amount charged for the license plate may not be less than the
13 amount in effect on January 1, 2003. Any additional amount
14 received from the vendor shall be deposited to the credit of the
15 general revenue fund.

16 SECTION 7. Chapter 551, Transportation Code, is amended by
17 adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

18 SUBCHAPTER D. NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIC VEHICLES

19 Sec. 551.301. DEFINITION. In this subchapter,
20 "neighborhood electric vehicle" means a vehicle subject to Federal
21 Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 500 (49 C.F.R. Section 571.500).

22 Sec. 551.302. REGISTRATION. The Texas Department of
23 Transportation may adopt rules relating to the registration and
24 issuance of license plates to neighborhood electric vehicles.

25 Sec. 551.303. OPERATION ON ROADWAYS. (a) A neighborhood
26 electric vehicle may be operated only on a street or highway for
27 which the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. A

1 neighborhood electric vehicle may cross a road or street at an
2 intersection where the road or street has a posted speed limit of
3 more than 35 miles per hour.

4 (b) A county or municipality may prohibit the operation of a
5 neighborhood electric vehicle on a street or highway if the
6 governing body of the county or municipality determines that the
7 prohibition is necessary in the interest of safety.

8 (c) The Texas Department of Transportation may prohibit the
9 operation of a neighborhood electric vehicle on a highway if that
10 department determines that the prohibition is necessary in the
11 interest of safety.

12 SECTION 8. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 7.027 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 7.027. TEXAS MUSIC FOUNDATION ACCOUNT. (a) The Texas
15 Music Foundation account is established as a separate account in
16 the general revenue fund. The account is composed of money
17 deposited to the credit of the account under Section 504.639,
18 Transportation Code. Money in the account may be used only for the
19 purposes of this section.

20 (b) The Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office in
21 the governor's office shall administer the account. The agency may
22 spend money credited to the account only to make grants to benefit
23 music-related educational and community programs sponsored by
24 nonprofit organizations based in this state. An administration fee
25 of \$5 per license plate shall be retained by the Music, Film,
26 Television, and Multimedia Office for performance of
27 administrative duties.

1 SECTION 9. Chapter 162, Health and Safety Code, is amended
2 by adding Sections 162.016 and 162.017 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 162.016. BE A BLOOD DONOR ACCOUNT. (a) The be a blood
4 donor account is a separate account in the general revenue fund. The
5 account is composed of:

6 (1) money deposited to the credit of the account under
7 Section 504.641, Transportation Code; and

8 (2) gifts, grants, donations, and legislative
9 appropriations.

10 (b) The department administers the account and may spend
11 money credited to the account only to:

12 (1) make grants to nonprofit blood centers in this
13 state for programs to recruit and retain volunteer blood donors;
14 and

15 (2) defray the cost of administering the account.

16 (c) The board:

17 (1) may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any
18 source for the benefit of the account; and

19 (2) by rule shall establish guidelines for spending
20 money credited to the account.

21 Sec. 162.017. BE A BLOOD DONOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The
22 commissioner shall appoint a five-member be a blood donor advisory
23 committee composed of:

24 (1) one volunteer blood donor who has given at least
25 one gallon of blood in the two years preceding the appointment;

26 (2) two representatives from nonprofit blood centers;

27 (3) one person who has received a blood transfusion in

1 the five years preceding the appointment; and

2 (4) one representative from the department.

3 (b) The commissioner shall designate one member as
4 presiding officer of the committee.

5 (c) The committee shall:

6 (1) meet at least annually or as called by the
7 commissioner;

8 (2) assist the board in establishing guidelines for
9 the expenditure of money credited to the be a blood donor account;
10 and

11 (3) review and make recommendations to the department
12 on applications submitted to the department for grants funded with
13 money credited to the be a blood donor account.

14 (d) Members of the committee serve without compensation and
15 are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Members of the
16 committee serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of as
17 near one-half as possible of the members expiring on January 31 of
18 each even-numbered year.

19 SECTION 10. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation
20 Code, is repealed.

21 (b) The repeal of Section 502.273, Transportation Code, by
22 this Act does not affect the validity of license plates previously
23 issued under that section, which shall be governed by Section
24 504.801, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

25 SECTION 11. Notwithstanding Section 504.403(a),
26 Transportation Code, as added by this Act, a retired state or
27 federal judge who applied for or was issued state judge or federal

1 judge license plates under Section 502.297, Transportation Code, as
2 that law existed before the effective date of this Act, is entitled
3 to apply for and to be issued state judge license plates or federal
4 judge license plates, as applicable, under Section 504.403,
5 Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

6 SECTION 12. (a) This section shall be implemented only if
7 the Legislative Budget Board determines that this Act would
8 otherwise reduce the amount of money allocated to the general
9 revenue fund from the issuance by the Texas Department of
10 Transportation of specialty license plates during fiscal years 2004
11 and 2005 relative to the amount of money allocated to the general
12 revenue fund from the issuance by that department of specialized
13 license plates during fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

14 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation shall reduce the
15 amount of fees allocated to the department's administrative costs
16 and allocate that amount to general revenue for deposit to the
17 credit of the accounts specified in each section of Chapter 504,
18 Transportation Code, as added by this Act. The amount of the
19 reduction and reallocation shall be the amount necessary to ensure
20 that sums allocated to the general revenue fund are not reduced as
21 specified in Subsection (a) of this section. The reduction in
22 administrative costs shall be taken proportionately from each
23 specialty plate so that each will be reduced by the same percentage
24 amount.

25 (c) This section expires September 1, 2005.

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

H.B. No. 2971

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2971 was passed by the House on May 6, 2003, by a non-record vote; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2971 on May 30, 2003, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2971 on June 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 27, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2971

I certify that H.B. No. 2971 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by a viva-voce vote; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2971 on June 1, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor