

1-1 By: Harper-Brown (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 2971  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2003;  
1-3 May 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Infrastructure Development and Security; May 22, 2003, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent  
1-6 to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to certain license plates issued by the Texas Department  
1-10 of Transportation.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 503.038(c), Transportation Code, is  
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (c) A person whose general distinguishing number is  
1-15 canceled under this chapter shall surrender to a representative of  
1-16 the department each license, license plate, temporary cardboard  
1-17 tag, sticker, and receipt issued under this chapter not later than  
1-18 the 10th day after the date the general distinguishing number is  
1-19 canceled. The department shall direct any peace officer to secure  
1-20 and return to the department any plate, tag, sticker, or receipt of  
1-21 a person who does not comply with this subsection.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 503.061, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-23 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 503.061. DEALER'S LICENSE PLATES. (a) Instead of  
1-25 registering under Chapter 502 a vehicle that the dealer owns,  
1-26 operates, or permits to be operated on a public street or highway,  
1-27 the dealer may apply for, receive, and attach metal dealer's  
1-28 license plates to the vehicle if it is the type of vehicle:

1-29 (1) that the dealer sells; and

1-30 (2) for which the dealer has been issued a general  
1-31 distinguishing number.

1-32 (b) The board may adopt rules regulating the issuance and  
1-33 use of a license plate issued pursuant to the terms of this section.

1-34 SECTION 3. Section 503.066(d), Transportation Code, is  
1-35 amended to read as follows:

1-36 (d) A metal license plate issued under this chapter  
1-37 [section] expires on the same date as the expiration of the dealer  
1-38 license to which it is issued [March 31 of the year after the year of  
1-39 issuance, unless provided otherwise by law or rule of the  
1-40 department's Motor Vehicle Board].

1-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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