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H.B. No. 3020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of God Bless Texas and God Bless America special license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.310 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.310. GOD BLESS TEXAS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed God Bless Texas and God Bless America license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) The license plate must include the words "God Bless Texas" or "God Bless America."

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

(1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

(2) pays an annual fee of \$40 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

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

(1) \$32 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and may only be used by the department for the Safe

1 Routes to School Program under Section 201.614; and

2 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state
3 highway fund to defray the department's expenses in administering
4 this section.

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

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

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