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H.B. No. 3020

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the issuance of God Bless Texas and God Bless America  
3 special license plates.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) pays an annual fee of \$40 in addition to the fee  
19 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
20 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
21 502.251.

22 (e) Of each fee collected under subsection (d):

23 (1) \$32 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
24 highway fund and may only used by the department for the Safe Routes

1 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 (f) 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 (g) 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.