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S.B. No. 746

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to special Texas constable 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 502.2952 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2952. TEXAS CONSTABLE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall design and provide for the issuance of special license plates for a passenger car or light truck that is owned by a person who is a constable or deputy constable of this state.

(b) License plates issued under this section shall bear the words "Texas Constable."

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

(1) applies to the county tax collector in the county of the person's residence on a form prescribed by the department;

(2) pays the fee prescribed by Subsection (d); and

(3) submits with the application proof that the person is a constable or deputy constable of this state.

(d) The fee for registration under this section and issuance of the special license plates is the fee otherwise prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle.

(e) Registration under this section is valid for one year and expires in the same manner as do regular motor vehicle registrations, except as provided by Subsection (f).

1 (f) Registration under this section expires when the owner
2 of the vehicle for which the special plates were issued ceases to be
3 a constable or deputy constable. The owner shall return the special
4 license plates to the department.

5 (g) If the owner of a vehicle for which plates are issued
6 under this section disposes of the vehicle during a registration
7 year, the person shall return the special plates to the department
8 and at that time may apply for issuance of those plates to another
9 vehicle.

10 (h) If license plates issued under this section are lost,
11 stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the plates
12 were issued may obtain replacement plates from the department by
13 paying a replacement fee of \$5.

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