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S.B. No. 1334

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to special Texas Music license plates to support the
3 activities of Austin Music Foundation, Inc., a Texas non-profit
4 corporation, and other Texas-based non-profit members of its
5 Affiliates Program.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
8 is amended by adding a Section 502.2991 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 502.2991. TEXAS MUSIC. (a) The department shall issue
10 specially-designed license plates for passenger cars and light
11 trucks to support the activities of the Austin Music Foundation,
12 other Texas-based non-profit members of its Affiliates Program, and
13 the Texas Music Office.

14 (b) The license plates must bear the words "Live Texas
15 Music" and be of a color, design, appearance and quality acceptable
16 to and approved by the Austin Music Foundation in consultation with
17 the department.

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

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

23 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 for an original issuance
24 of license plates under this section or \$25 for a renewal of

1 issuance of license plates under this section, in addition to the
2 fee prescribed by Section 502.161 or 502.162 and, if personalized
3 prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee
4 prescribed by Section 502.251.

5 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c)(2), \$5 may be
6 used by the department to defray the cost of administering this
7 section. The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee
8 collected to the credit of the Austin Music Foundation account via
9 the Texas Music Office established by Section 7.026 of the
10 Education Code.

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

15 (f) If the owner of a vehicle for which license plates were
16 issued under this section disposes of the vehicle during a
17 registration year, the owner shall return the special license
18 plates to the department.

19 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is
20 amended by adding Section 7.026 to read as follows:

21 Sec. 7.026. AUSTIN MUSIC FOUNDATION ACCOUNT. (a) The
22 Austin Music Foundation account is to be set up as a separate
23 account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed of
24 money deposited to the credit of the account under Section
25 502.2991, Transportation Code, as added by Chapter 433, Acts of the
26 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999. Funds in the account may
27 be used only for the purposes of this section.

1 (b) The Texas Music Office shall administer the account.
2 The agency may spend money credited to the account only to make
3 grants to benefit the educational and community programs sponsored
4 by the Austin Music Foundation and other Texas-based non-profit
5 members of the Austin Music Foundation's Affiliates Program. An
6 administration fee of \$5 per plate shall be retained by the Texas
7 Music Office for performance of administration duties.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
9 applies only to a registration fee for a registration period
10 beginning on or after that date.