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S.B. No. 1495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of special airborne parachutist 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 502.2581 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2581. AIRBORNE PARACHUTIST LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and light trucks owned by active, retired, or honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who have:

(1) satisfactorily completed the prescribed proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or the Airborne Department of the United States Army Infantry School; or

(2) participated in at least one combat parachute jump.

(b) License plates issued under this section must include a likeness of the parachutist badge authorized by the Department of the Army.

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

(1) applies to the department on a form prescribed by the department;

1 (2) pays the annual fee prescribed by Subsection (e),
2 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if
3 personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the
4 fee prescribed by Section 502.251; and

5 (3) submits proof that the person is eligible under
6 this section.

7 (d) The department shall send 50 cents of each fee collected
8 under this section to the county treasurer of the county in which
9 the applicant resides. The county treasurer shall credit money
10 received under this section to the general fund of the county to pay
11 the costs of administering this section.

12 (e) The annual fee for issuance of license plates under this
13 section is:

14 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

15 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

16 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section
17 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner
18 shall return the special license plates to the department. The
19 owner may then apply for issuance of those plates to another
20 vehicle.

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