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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the registration of certain vehicles and the issuance  
3 of specially designed license plates by the Texas Department of  
4 Transportation; providing penalties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subtitle A, Title 7, Transportation Code, is  
7 amended by adding Chapter 504 to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 504. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

9 SUBCHAPTER A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

10 Sec. 504.001. DEFINITIONS. (a) In this chapter,  
11 "commission" and "director" have the meanings assigned by Section  
12 201.001.

13 (b) A word or phrase that is not defined by this chapter but  
14 is defined by Section 502.001 has the meaning in this chapter that  
15 is assigned by that section.

16 Sec. 504.002. PROVISIONS OF GENERAL APPLICABILITY. Unless  
17 expressly provided by this chapter or by department rule:

18 (1) any vehicle is eligible to be issued specialty  
19 license plates, provided that the department may vary the design of  
20 a license plate to accommodate or reflect its use on a motor vehicle  
21 other than a passenger car or light truck;

22 (2) an application for specialty license plates must  
23 be submitted in the manner specified by the department, provided  
24 that if issuance of a specialty license plate is limited to

1 particular persons or motor vehicles, the application must be  
2 accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the department that the  
3 applicant or the applicant's vehicle is eligible;

4 (3) the fee for issuance of a specialty license plate  
5 is in addition to each other fee that is paid for or at the time of  
6 the registration of the motor vehicle and shall be deposited to the  
7 credit of state highway fund;

8 (4) each fee described by this chapter is an annual  
9 fee, provided that the department may prorate the fee for a  
10 specialty license plate fee on a monthly basis to align the license  
11 plate fee to the registration period for the motor vehicle for which  
12 the license plate was issued, and if a fee is prorated, the  
13 allocation of the fee by this chapter to an account or fund shall be  
14 prorated in proportion;

15 (5) the department is the exclusive owner of the  
16 design of each specialty license plate;

17 (6) the director may refuse to issue a specialty  
18 license plate with a design or alphanumeric pattern that the  
19 director considers potentially objectionable to one or more members  
20 of the public and the director's refusal may not be overturned in  
21 the absence of an abuse of discretion;

22 (7) for each specialty license plate that is issued  
23 through a county tax assessor-collector and for which the  
24 department is allocated a portion of a fee for administrative  
25 costs, the department shall credit 50 cents from its administrative  
26 costs to the county treasurer of the applicable county, who shall  
27 credit the money to the general fund of the county to defray the

1 costs to the county of administering this chapter;

2 (8) if a specialty license plate is lost, stolen, or  
3 mutilated, an application for a replacement plate must be  
4 accompanied by the fee prescribed by Section 502.184(a)(2);

5 (9) if the owner of a motor vehicle for which a  
6 specialty license plate is issued disposes of the vehicle or for any  
7 reason ceases to be eligible for that specialty license plate, the  
8 owner shall return the specialty license plate to the department;  
9 and

10 (10) a person who is issued a specialty license plate  
11 may not transfer it to another person or vehicle without first  
12 receiving approval from the department.

13 Sec. 504.003. SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department  
14 may issue a souvenir version of any specialty license plate.

15 (b) The fee for a single souvenir license plate is \$10. The  
16 fee shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

17 (c) If the souvenir license plate is personalized, the fee  
18 for the plate is \$30. Of the fee:

19 (1) \$10 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
20 highway fund; and

21 (2) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of  
22 the general revenue fund.

23 (d) A souvenir license plate may not be used on a motor  
24 vehicle and is not an insignia of registration for a motor vehicle.  
25 Each souvenir license plate must be identified by the department in  
26 a way that identifies it to law enforcement officers and others as a  
27 souvenir license plate.

1       Sec. 504.004. RULES AND FORMS. The commission may adopt  
2 rules and the department may issue forms to implement and  
3 administer this chapter.

4       [Sections 504.005-504.100 reserved for expansion]

5               SUBCHAPTER B. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES

6       Sec. 504.101. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
7 department shall issue personalized license plates. The department  
8 may not issue more than one set of license plates with the same  
9 alphanumeric pattern.

10       (b) A personalized license plate may be issued for a  
11 registration period only if the applicant submits an application  
12 and pays the required fee for the applicable registration period. A  
13 person who is issued a personalized license plate has first  
14 priority on that license plate for each subsequent registration  
15 period for which the person submits a new application for that  
16 plate.

17       (c) The fee for issuance of a personalized license plate is  
18 \$40.

19       (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of  
20 personalized license plates to the same person before the sixth  
21 anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for  
22 issuance of replacement plates pays an additional fee of \$30.

23       (e) Of each fee collected by the department under this  
24 section:

25               (1) \$1.25 shall be used to defray the cost of  
26 administering this section; and

27               (2) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of

1 the general revenue fund.

2 Sec. 504.102. PERSONALIZATION OF OTHER SPECIALTY LICENSE  
3 PLATES. Unless expressly prohibited by this chapter or department  
4 rule, any specialty license plate issued under this chapter may be  
5 personalized. If another specialty license plate is personalized,  
6 the fee established by Section 504.101(c) shall be added to the fee  
7 for issuance of that specialty license plate.

8 Sec. 504.103. DESIGN AND ALPHANUMERIC PATTERN. The  
9 department has sole control over the design, typeface, color, and  
10 alphanumeric pattern for a personalized license plate.

11 [Sections 504.104-504.200 reserved for expansion]

12 SUBCHAPTER C. LICENSE PLATES FOR VEHICLES USED BY PERSONS WITH  
13 DISABILITIES

14 Sec. 504.201. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In this  
15 section:

16 (1) "Disability" and "mobility problem that  
17 substantially impairs a person's ability to ambulate" have the  
18 meanings assigned by Section 681.001.

19 (2) "Legally blind" means a condition described by  
20 Section 681.001(2)(B) or (C).

21 (b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
22 a motor vehicle that:

23 (1) has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of  
24 two tons or less; and

25 (2) is regularly operated for noncommercial use by or  
26 for the transportation of a person with a permanent disability.

27 (c) An owner of a motor vehicle regularly operated by or for

1 the transportation of a person described by Subsection (a) may  
2 apply to the department for registration under this section.

3 (d) The initial application for specialty license plates  
4 under this section must be accompanied by a written statement from a  
5 physician who is licensed to practice medicine in this state or in a  
6 state adjacent to this state or who is authorized by applicable law  
7 to practice medicine in a hospital or other health facility of the  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs. If the applicant has a mobility  
9 problem caused by a disorder of the foot, the written statement may  
10 be issued by a person licensed to practice podiatry in this state or  
11 a state adjacent to this state. In this subsection, "podiatry" has  
12 the meaning assigned by Section 681.001. The statement must  
13 certify that the person making the application or on whose behalf  
14 the application is made is legally blind or has a mobility problem  
15 that substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate. The  
16 statement must also certify whether a mobility problem is temporary  
17 or permanent. A written statement is not required as acceptable  
18 medical proof if:

19 (1) the person with a disability:

20 (A) has had a limb, hand, or foot amputated; or

21 (B) must use a wheelchair; and

22 (2) the applicant and the county assessor-collector  
23 processing the application execute an affidavit attesting to the  
24 person's disability.

25 (e) A person with a disability may receive:

26 (1) one disabled parking placard under Section 681.002  
27 if the person receives a set of license plates under this section;

1 or

2 (2) two disabled parking placards under Section  
3 681.002 if the person does not receive a set of license plates under  
4 this section.

5 (f) A license plate issued under this section must include  
6 the symbol of access adopted by Rehabilitation International in  
7 1969 at its Eleventh World Congress on Rehabilitation of the  
8 Disabled. The symbol must be the same size as the numbers on the  
9 license plate.

10 (g) In addition to a license plate issued under this  
11 section, an eligible person is entitled to be issued a set of the  
12 license plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person that has a  
13 carrying capacity of two tons or less and is equipped with special  
14 equipment that:

15 (1) is designed to allow a person who has lost the use  
16 of one or both of the person's legs to operate the vehicle; and

17 (2) is not standard equipment on that type of vehicle  
18 for use by a person who has use of both legs.

19 Sec. 504.202. VETERANS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) A person  
20 entitled to specialty license plates under this section may  
21 register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without payment of  
22 any fee paid for or at the time of registration except the fee for  
23 the license plates. Registration under this section is valid for  
24 one year.

25 (b) The department shall issue a specialty license plate for  
26 a motor vehicle that has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity  
27 of two tons or less and that is owned by a veteran of the United

1 States armed forces. A veteran is entitled to register, for the  
2 person's own use, two motor vehicles under this section if the  
3 person:

4 (1) has suffered, as a result of military service:

5 (A) at least a 50 percent service-connected  
6 disability; or

7 (B) a 40 percent service-connected disability  
8 because of the amputation of a lower extremity; and

9 (2) receives compensation from the United States  
10 because of the disability.

11 (c) An organization may register a motor vehicle under this  
12 section if:

13 (1) the vehicle is used exclusively to transport  
14 veterans of the United States armed forces who have suffered, as a  
15 result of military service, a service-connected disability; and

16 (2) the veterans are not charged for the  
17 transportation.

18 (d) A statement by the veterans county service officer of  
19 the county in which a vehicle described by Subsection (b) is  
20 registered or by the Department of Veterans Affairs that a vehicle  
21 is used exclusively to transport veterans with disabilities without  
22 charge is satisfactory proof of eligibility for an organization.

23 (e) License plates issued under this section must include:

24 (1) the letters "DV" as a prefix or suffix to any  
25 numeral on the plate; and

26 (2) the words "Disabled Veteran and "U.S. Armed  
27 Forces" at the bottom of each license plate.



1       (f) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. The  
2 fee for each additional set of license plates is \$15. If a license  
3 plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, on payment of a \$1 fee, the  
4 department shall issue a set of replacement plates.

5       Sec. 504.203. ISSUANCE OF DISABLED LICENSE PLATES TO  
6 CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS. (a) The department shall issue specialty  
7 license plates under this subchapter for a van or bus operated by an  
8 institution, facility, or residential retirement community for the  
9 elderly or for veterans in which an eligible person resides,  
10 including:

11           (1) an institution that holds a license issued under  
12 Chapter 242, Health and Safety Code; or

13           (2) a facility that holds a license issued under  
14 Chapter 246 or 247 of that code.

15       (b) An application for license plates under this section  
16 must be accompanied by a written statement signed by the  
17 administrator or manager of the institution, facility, or  
18 retirement community certifying that the institution, facility, or  
19 retirement community regularly transports, as a part of the  
20 services that the institution, facility, or retirement community  
21 provides, one or more eligible persons who reside in the  
22 institution, facility, or retirement community. The department  
23 shall determine the eligibility of the institution, facility, or  
24 retirement community on the evidence the applicant provides.

25       (c) The application and eligibility requirements for a  
26 license plate under this section are the same as those provided by  
27 Sections 504.201 and 504.202, as applicable.

1 [Sections 504.204-504.300 reserved for expansion]

2 SUBCHAPTER D. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR THE MILITARY

3 Sec. 504.301. PROVISIONS GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO MILITARY  
4 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. Unless expressly provided by this  
5 subchapter or department rule:

6 (1) the department shall design specialty license  
7 plates for the military; and

8 (2) a person is not eligible to be issued a specialty  
9 license plate under this subchapter if the person was discharged  
10 from the armed forces under conditions less than honorable.

11 Sec. 504.302. SURVIVING SPOUSES OF CERTAIN MILITARY  
12 VETERANS. (a) The surviving spouse of a person who would be  
13 eligible for a specialty license plate under this subchapter is  
14 entitled to continue to register one vehicle under the applicable  
15 section as long as the spouse remains unmarried.

16 (b) An applicant for registration under this section must  
17 submit proof of the eligibility of the applicant's deceased spouse  
18 for the applicable specialty license plate.

19 (c) A surviving spouse applying for specialty license  
20 plates under this section must submit a written statement that the  
21 spouse is unmarried. If the surviving spouse is applying for Former  
22 Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor, or Purple Heart specialty  
23 license plates, the statement must be sworn to by the surviving  
24 spouse.

25 Sec. 504.303. MEMBERS OR FORMER MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES  
26 ARMED FORCES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
27 plates for active or former members of the United States armed

1 forces. The license plates must designate the appropriate branch  
2 of the United States armed forces.

3 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

4 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

5 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

6 Sec. 504.304. MEMBERS OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES  
7 AUXILIARIES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
8 plates for members of:

9 (1) the United States Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air  
10 Patrol;

11 (2) the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; and

12 (3) the Marine Corps League or its auxiliary.

13 (b) The license plates must include the words "Texas Wing  
14 Civil Air Patrol," the words "Coast Guard Auxiliary," or the emblem  
15 of the Marine Corps League and the words "Marine Corps League," as  
16 applicable.

17 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

18 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

19 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

20 Sec. 504.305. MEMBERS OF TEXAS NATIONAL GUARD, STATE GUARD,  
21 OR UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RESERVES. (a) The department shall  
22 issue without charge specialty license plates for:

23 (1) active members of the Texas National Guard or  
24 Texas State Guard;

25 (2) retired members of the Texas National Guard or  
26 Texas State Guard who have completed 20 or more years of  
27 satisfactory federal service; and

1           (3) members of a reserve component of the United  
2 States armed forces.

3           (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
4 consultation with the adjutant general. The license plates must  
5 include the words "Texas Guard" or "Armed Forces Reserve," as  
6 applicable.

7           (c) A letter from the United States Department of Defense,  
8 the Department of the Army, or the Department of the Air Force  
9 stating that a retired guard member has 20 or more years of  
10 satisfactory federal service is satisfactory proof of eligibility.

11           Sec. 504.306. PERSONS RETIRED FROM SERVICE IN MERCHANT  
12 MARINE OF THE UNITED STATES. (a) The department shall issue  
13 specialty license plates for persons retired from service in the  
14 merchant marine of the United States. The license plates must  
15 include the words "Merchant Marine." A person may be issued only one  
16 set of license plates under this section.

17           (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

18           Sec. 504.307. AIRBORNE PARACHUTISTS. (a) The department  
19 shall issue specialty license plates for persons active and former  
20 members of the United States armed services who have:

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

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

27           (b) The license plates must include a likeness of the

1 parachutist badge authorized by the Department of the Army.

2 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

3 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

4 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

5 Sec. 504.308. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL RECIPIENTS.

6 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
7 persons who have received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal.  
8 The license plates must bear a depiction of the Distinguished  
9 Flying Cross medal and the words "Distinguished Flying Cross" at  
10 the bottom of each license plate.

11 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$3.

12 Sec. 504.309. MILITARY ACADEMY LICENSE PLATES. The  
13 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for  
14 persons who:

15 (1) are graduates of the United States Military  
16 Academy, the United States Naval Academy, or the United States Air  
17 Force Academy; and

18 (2) are current or former commissioned officers of the  
19 United States armed forces.

20 Sec. 504.310. WORLD WAR II VETERANS. The department shall  
21 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who  
22 served in the United States or Allied armed forces during World War  
23 II. The license plates must include the words "WWII Veteran."

24 Sec. 504.311. KOREAN WAR VETERANS. The department shall  
25 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who  
26 served in the United States armed forces after June 26, 1950, and  
27 before February 1, 1955. License plates issued under this section

1 must include the words "Korea Veteran."

2 Sec. 504.312. VIETNAM VETERANS. (a) The department shall  
3 issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who  
4 served in the United States armed forces during:

5 (1) the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and  
6 ending on May 7, 1975, in the case of a veteran who served in the  
7 Republic of Vietnam during that period; or

8 (2) the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending  
9 on May 7, 1975, in all other cases.

10 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
11 the words "Vietnam Veteran."

12 Sec. 504.313. DESERT SHIELD OR DESERT STORM VETERANS. The  
13 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for  
14 persons who served in the United States armed forces after August 1,  
15 1990, and before April 12, 1991. License plates issued under this  
16 section must include the words "Desert Storm."

17 Sec. 504.314. ENDURING FREEDOM VETERANS. The department  
18 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for persons  
19 who served in the United States armed services and participated in  
20 Operation Enduring Freedom. The license plates must include the  
21 words "Enduring Freedom."

22 Sec. 504.315. MILITARY SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR  
23 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICE. (a) A person entitled to specialty license  
24 plates under this section may register, for the person's own use,  
25 one vehicle without payment of any fee paid for or at the time of  
26 registration except the fee for the license plates. Registration  
27 is valid for one year and may be renewed without charge.

1        (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is:

2                (1) \$3 for the first set of license plates; and

3                (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

4        (c) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
5 a person who was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United  
6 States during a period of conflict with the United States. The  
7 license plates must show that the recipient is a former prisoner of  
8 war.

9        (d) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
10 survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The  
11 license plates must include the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor" and  
12 must be consecutively numbered. A person is eligible if the person:

13                (1) served in the United States armed forces;

14                (2) was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands on December  
15 7, 1941; and

16                (3) survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
17 1941.

18        (e) The department shall issue specialty license plates to a  
19 recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor awarded under Title 10,  
20 United States Code. The department shall assign the license plate  
21 number, and the plates may not be personalized.

22        (f) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
23 recipients of the Air Force Cross or Distinguished Service Cross,  
24 the Army Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Medal  
25 of Honor. The license plates must include the words "Legion of  
26 Valor."

27        (g) The department shall issue specialty license plates for

1 recipients of the Purple Heart. License plates issued under this  
2 section must include:

- 3 (1) the Purple Heart emblem;  
4 (2) the words "Purple Heart" at the bottom of each  
5 plate; and  
6 (3) the letters "PH" as a prefix or suffix to the  
7 numerals on the plate if the plate is not personalized.

8 [Sections 504.316-504.400 reserved for expansion]

9 SUBCHAPTER E. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES WITH  
10 RESTRICTED DISTRIBUTION

11 Sec. 504.401. STATE OFFICIALS. (a) The department shall  
12 issue without charge specialty license plates to a state official.  
13 The license plates must include the words "State Official."

14 (b) A state official may be issued three sets of license  
15 plates under this section.

16 (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of  
17 each year.

18 (d) In this section, "state official" means:

- 19 (1) a member of the legislature;  
20 (2) the governor;  
21 (3) the lieutenant governor;  
22 (4) the attorney general;  
23 (5) the commissioner of the General Land Office;  
24 (6) the comptroller;  
25 (7) a member of the Railroad Commission of Texas;  
26 (8) the commissioner of agriculture;  
27 (9) the secretary of state;



1           (10) a member of the State Board of Education; or

2           (11) a district attorney.

3           Sec. 504.402. MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. (a) The department  
4 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for members of  
5 congress. License plates issued under this section must include  
6 the words "U.S. Congress."

7           (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates  
8 under this section.

9           (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of  
10 each year.

11           Sec. 504.403. STATE AND FEDERAL JUDGES. (a) The department  
12 shall issue without charge specialty license plates for a current,  
13 retired, or visiting state or federal judge. The license plates  
14 must include the words "State Judge" or "U.S. Judge," as  
15 appropriate.

16           (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates  
17 under this section.

18           (c) The license plates remain valid until December 31 of  
19 each year.

20           (d) In this section:

21           (1) "Federal judge" means:

22                   (A) a judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of  
23 Appeals;

24                   (B) a judge or magistrate of a United States  
25 district court; or

26                   (C) a judge of a United States bankruptcy court.

27           (2) "State judge" means:

1           (A) a justice of the supreme court;

2           (B) a judge of the court of criminal appeals;

3           (C) a judge of a court of appeals;

4           (D) a district court judge;

5           (E) a presiding judge of an administrative  
6 judicial district; or

7           (F) a statutory county court judge.

8           Sec. 504.404. FEDERAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGES. (a) The  
9 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for  
10 current or retired federal administrative law judges. The license  
11 plates shall bear the words "U.S. A.L. Judge."

12           (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates  
13 under this section.

14           Sec. 504.405. COUNTY JUDGES. (a) The department shall  
15 issue without charge specialty license plates for current or  
16 retired county judges of this state. The license plates shall bear  
17 the words "County Judge."

18           (b) A person may be issued three sets of license plates  
19 under this section.

20           (c) In this section, "county judge" means the judge of the  
21 county court established by Section 15, Article V, Texas  
22 Constitution.

23           Sec. 504.406. TEXAS CONSTABLES. The department shall issue  
24 without charge specialty license plates for Texas constables. The  
25 license plates shall bear the words "Texas Constable."

26           Sec. 504.407. PEACE OFFICERS WOUNDED OR KILLED IN LINE OF  
27 DUTY. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for:

1           (1) a person wounded in the line of duty as a peace  
2 officer; or

3           (2) a surviving spouse, parent, brother, sister, or  
4 adult child, including an adopted child or stepchild, of a person  
5 killed in the line of duty as a peace officer.

6           (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
7 the words "To Protect and Serve" above an insignia depicting a  
8 yellow rose superimposed over the outline of a badge.

9           (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$20.

10          (d) In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning  
11 assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

12          Sec. 504.408. GOLD STAR MOTHERS. (a) The department shall  
13 issue specialty license plates for the mother of a person who died  
14 while serving in the United States armed forces. License plates  
15 issued under this section must include the words "Gold Star Mother"  
16 and a gold star. A person may not be issued more than one set of the  
17 license plates at a time.

18          (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

19          Sec. 504.409. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS. (a) The department  
20 shall issue specialty license plates for volunteer firefighters  
21 certified by:

22               (1) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or

23               (2) the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association  
24 of Texas.

25          (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$4.

26          (c) A person may be issued only one set of the license  
27 plates.

1       Sec. 504.410. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL. The  
2 department shall issue specialty license plates for emergency  
3 medical services personnel certified by the Texas Department of  
4 health under Subchapter C, Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

5       (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$8.

6       (c) A person may be issued only one set of the license  
7 plates.

8       Sec. 504.411. HONORARY CONSULS. (a) The department shall  
9 issue specialty license plates for a person who is an honorary  
10 consul authorized by the United States to perform consular duties.  
11 License plates issued under this section must include the words  
12 "Honorary Consul."

13       (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$40.

14       Sec. 504.412. FOREIGN ORGANIZATION VEHICLES. (a) The  
15 department shall issue specialty license plates for an  
16 instrumentality established by a foreign government recognized by  
17 the United States before January 1, 1979, that is without official  
18 representation or diplomatic relations with the United States. The  
19 license plates must include the words "Foreign Organization" and  
20 shall remain valid for five years.

21       (b) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
22 section may register the vehicle without payment of any fee paid for  
23 or at the time of registration.

24       Sec. 504.413. MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION. (a) The  
25 department shall issue specialty license plates for members of the  
26 American Legion. The license plates shall include the words "Still  
27 Serving America" and the emblem of the American Legion. The

1 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the  
2 American Legion.

3 (b) The fee for the license plates is \$30.

4 (c) After deduction of \$8 to reimburse the department for  
5 its administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of  
6 the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the American  
7 Legion, Department of Texas account in the state treasury. Money in  
8 the account may be used only by the Texas Veterans Commission in  
9 making grants to the American Legion Endowment Fund for  
10 scholarships and youth programs sponsored by the American Legion,  
11 Department of Texas.

12 [Sections 504.414-504.500 reserved for expansion]

13 SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES

14 Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) The department  
15 shall issue specialty license plates for a motor vehicle that is at  
16 least 25 years old. The license plates must include the words  
17 "Classic Auto," "Classic Motorcycle," or "Classic Truck" or a  
18 similar designation, as appropriate.

19 (b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use  
20 license plates that were issued by this state in the same year as  
21 the model year of the vehicle and are approved by the department.  
22 The department may require the attachment of a registration  
23 insignia to the license plate in a manner that does not affect the  
24 display of information originally on the license plate.

25 (c) The fee for issuance or approval of license plates under  
26 this section is \$15.

27 Sec. 504.502. CERTAIN EXHIBITION VEHICLES; OFFENSE. (a)

1 The department shall issue specialty license plates for a passenger  
2 car, truck, motorcycle, or former military vehicle that:

3 (1) is at least 25 years old, if the vehicle is a  
4 passenger car, truck, or motorcycle;

5 (2) is a collector's item;

6 (3) is used exclusively for exhibitions, club  
7 activities, parades, and other functions of public interest and is  
8 not used for regular transportation; and

9 (4) does not carry advertising.

10 (b) The license plates must include the words "Antique  
11 Auto," "Antique Truck," "Antique Motorcycle," or "Military  
12 Vehicle," as appropriate.

13 (c) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use  
14 license plates issued by this state in the same year as the model  
15 year of the vehicle and approved by the department, provided that a  
16 passenger car must bear passenger car or truck license plates, and a  
17 truck must bear passenger car or truck license plates. The  
18 department may require attachment of a registration insignia to the  
19 license plate in a manner that does not affect the display of  
20 information originally on the license plate.

21 (d) License plates issued or approved under this section  
22 expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance or approval.

23 (e) The fee for issuance or approval of license plates under  
24 this section is:

25 (1) \$10 for each year or portion of a year remaining in  
26 the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured  
27 in 1921 or later; or

1           (2) \$8 for each year or portion of a year remaining in  
2 the five-year registration period if the vehicle was manufactured  
3 before 1921.

4           (f) The department may exempt a former military vehicle from  
5 the requirement to display a license plate or registration insignia  
6 if the exemption is necessary to maintain the vehicle's accurate  
7 military markings. The department may approve an alternative  
8 registration insignia that is compatible with the vehicle's  
9 original markings.

10          (g) A person entitled to specialty license plates or to  
11 department approval under this section may register the vehicle  
12 without payment of any fees paid for or at the time of registration  
13 except the fee for the license plate. An owner of a vehicle  
14 registered under this subsection who violates this section commits  
15 an offense. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
16 punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$200.

17          (h) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a vehicle  
18 issued license plates under Subsection (a) shall be required to  
19 attach and display only one license plate on the rear of the  
20 vehicle.

21          (i) In this section, "former military vehicle" means a  
22 vehicle, including a trailer, regardless of the vehicle's size,  
23 weight, or year of manufacture, that:

24               (1) was manufactured for use in any country's military  
25 forces; and

26               (2) is maintained to represent its military design and  
27 markings accurately.

1       Sec. 504.503. MUNICIPAL AND PRIVATE BUSES. (a) The  
2 department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for  
3 municipal buses and private buses. The license plates must include  
4 the words "City Bus" or "Private Bus," as appropriate.

5       (b) In this section, "private bus" means a bus that:

6           (1) is not operated for hire; and

7           (2) is not classified as a municipal bus or a motor  
8 bus.

9       Sec. 504.504. CERTAIN FARM VEHICLES AND DRILLING AND  
10 CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. (a) The department shall issue specialty  
11 license plates to a vehicle described by Subsection (b) or (c). The  
12 fee for the license plates is \$5.

13       (b) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is  
14 used only temporarily on the highways if the vehicle is:

15           (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross  
16 weight of more than 4,000 pounds but not more than 34,000 pounds  
17 that is used exclusively to transport:

18                   (A) seasonally harvested agricultural products  
19 or livestock from the place of production to the place of  
20 processing, market, or storage; or

21                   (B) farm supplies from the place of loading to  
22 the farm;

23           (2) machinery used exclusively for the purpose of  
24 drilling water wells; or

25           (3) construction machinery that is not designed to  
26 transport persons or property on a public highway.

27       (c) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is:



1           (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer owned by a  
2 cotton gin and used exclusively to transport agricultural products  
3 without charge from the place of production to the place of  
4 processing, market, or storage;

5           (2) a trailer used exclusively to transport fertilizer  
6 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm; or

7           (3) a trailer used exclusively to transport cottonseed  
8 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm or place  
9 of processing.

10          (d) A vehicle described by Subsection (b) is exempt from the  
11 inspection requirements of Subchapters B and F, Chapter 548.

12          (e) This section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm  
13 semitrailer that:

14           (1) is used for hire;

15           (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the  
16 highway;

17           (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or  
18 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle  
19 while in motion; or

20           (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with  
21 all other law.

22          (f) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated  
23 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be  
24 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the  
25 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by Chapter  
26 502.

27          (g) In this section, the gross weight of a trailer or

1 semitrailer is the combined weight of the vehicle and the load  
2 carried on the highway.

3 Sec. 504.505. COTTON VEHICLES. (a) The department shall  
4 issue specialty license plates for a single motor vehicle that is:

5 (1) used only to transport seed cotton modules,  
6 cotton, cotton burrs, or equipment used in transporting or  
7 processing cotton; and

8 (2) not more than 10 feet in width.

9 (b) The license plates must include the words "Cotton  
10 Vehicle."

11 (c) The initial fee for issuance of the license plates is  
12 \$8. The license plates may be renewed without payment of a fee.

13 Sec. 504.506. CERTAIN LOG LOADER VEHICLES. (a) The  
14 department shall issue specialty license plates for a vehicle that  
15 is temporarily operated on public highways, during daylight hours  
16 only, and on which machinery is mounted solely to load logs on other  
17 vehicles.

18 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$62.50.

19 (c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
20 section may register the vehicle without payment of any fee paid for  
21 or at the time of registration other than the fee for the license  
22 plates.

23 (d) A vehicle having a license plate issued under this  
24 section is exempt from the inspection requirements of Chapter 548.

25 (e) This section does not apply to a vehicle used to haul  
26 logs.

27 (f) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated

1 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be  
2 operated or moved while unregistered and is immediately subject to  
3 the applicable fees and penalties prescribed by Chapter 502.

4 Sec. 504.507. FORESTRY VEHICLES. (a) The department shall  
5 issue specialty license plates for forestry vehicles. License  
6 plates issued under this section must include the words "Forestry  
7 Vehicle."

8 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$8. The  
9 department shall:

10 (1) also collect any additional fee that a county  
11 imposes under this chapter for registration of a forestry vehicle;  
12 and

13 (2) send the fee to the appropriate county for  
14 disposition.

15 (c) In this section, "forestry vehicle" means a vehicle used  
16 exclusively for transporting forest products in their natural  
17 state, including logs, debarked logs, untreated ties, stave bolts,  
18 plywood bolts, pulpwood billets, wood chips, stumps, sawdust, moss,  
19 bark, wood shavings, and property used in production of those  
20 products.

21 Sec. 504.508. TOW TRUCKS. (a) The department shall issue  
22 specialty license plates for a commercial motor vehicle used as a  
23 tow truck. The license plates must include the words "Tow Truck."  
24 A vehicle used commercially as a tow truck shall display license  
25 plates issued under this section.

26 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$15.

27 (c) Proof of eligibility for license plates under this

1 section must include a copy of the registration certificate issued  
2 by the department for the tow truck.

3 (d) In this section, "tow truck" means a motor vehicle  
4 adapted or used to tow, winch, or otherwise move another motor  
5 vehicle.

6 Sec. 504.509. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO  
7 EQUIPMENT. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
8 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license  
9 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates  
10 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The  
11 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as  
12 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may  
13 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio  
14 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue  
15 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each  
16 vehicle.

17 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$2 for the  
18 first year and \$1 for each subsequent year.

19 Sec. 504.510. GOLF CART LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department  
20 shall issue specialty license plates for an eligible golf cart.

21 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

22 (c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
23 section may register the golf cart without payment of any fees paid  
24 for or at the time of registration other than the fee for the  
25 license plates. This section does not authorize the operation of a  
26 golf cart on a public road where it is otherwise prohibited by law.

27 (d) This section applies only to an owner of a golf cart who

1 resides:

2 (1) on real property that is owned or under the control  
3 of the United States Corps of Engineers and is required by that  
4 agency to register the owner's golf cart under this chapter; and

5 (2) in a county that borders another state and has a  
6 population of more than 110,000 but less than 111,000.

7 [Sections 504.511-504.600 reserved for expansion]

8 SUBCHAPTER G. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

9 Sec. 504.601. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL  
10 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. Unless  
11 expressly provided by this subchapter or department rule:

12 (1) the fee for issuance of a license plate under this  
13 subchapter is \$30; and

14 (2) of each fee received under this subchapter, the  
15 department shall use \$8 to defray its administrative costs in  
16 complying with this subchapter.

17 Sec. 504.602. KEEP TEXAS BEAUTIFUL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
18 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words  
19 "Keep Texas Beautiful." The department shall design the license  
20 plates in consultation with Keep Texas Beautiful, Inc.

21 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
22 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
23 shall be used in connection with the department's litter prevention  
24 and community beautification programs.

25 Sec. 504.603. TEXAS CAPITOL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
26 department shall issue specialty license plates depicting the State  
27 Capitol.

1       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
2 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
3 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

4       Sec. 504.604. TEXAS COMMISSION ON THE ARTS LICENSE PLATES.

5       (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates including  
6 the words "State of the Arts." The department shall design the  
7 license plates in consultation with the Texas Commission on the  
8 Arts.

9       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
10 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
11 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Commission on the Arts  
12 operating fund established under Section 444.027, Government Code.

13       Sec. 504.605. ANIMAL FRIENDLY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
14 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words  
15 "Animal Friendly." The department shall design the license plates.

16       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
18 shall be deposited to the credit of the animal friendly account  
19 established by Section 828.014, Health and Safety Code.

20       Sec. 504.606. BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
21 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include  
22 one or more graphic images of a significant feature of Big Bend  
23 National Park. The department shall design the license plates in  
24 consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and any  
25 organization designated by it.

26       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
27 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates

1 shall be deposited to the credit of the Big Bend National Park  
2 account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used  
3 only by the Parks and Wildlife Department to support the activities  
4 of a designated nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is the  
5 improvement or preservation of Big Bend National Park.

6 Sec. 504.607. READ TO SUCCEED. (a) The department shall  
7 issue specialty license plates including the words "Read To  
8 Succeed." The department shall design the license plates.

9 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
10 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
11 the "Read to Succeed" account in the general revenue fund. Money in  
12 the account may be used only to provide educational materials for  
13 public school libraries. The account is composed of:

14 (1) money required to be deposited to the credit of the  
15 account under this subsection; and

16 (2) donations made to the account.

17 Sec. 504.608. TEXAS COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
18 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
19 plates that include the words "Boy Scouts of America." The  
20 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the  
21 Boy Scouts of America.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may  
25 be appropriated only to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug  
26 Abuse for drug-abuse prevention programs provided by nonprofit  
27 organizations that primarily serve children.

1       (c) In selecting a program provider under Subsection (b), it  
2 is the intent of the legislature that, to the extent permissible,  
3 preference be given to a provider whose membership substantially  
4 consists of persons who purchase the specialty license plates.

5       Sec. 504.609. UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE LICENSE  
6 PLATES. The department shall issue specialty license plates  
7 including the words "United States Olympic Committee." The  
8 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the  
9 United States Olympic Committee.

10       Sec. 504.610. TEXAS AEROSPACE COMMISSION LICENSE PLATES.  
11 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates including  
12 the words "Texas Aerospace Commission." The department shall design  
13 the license plates in consultation with the Texas Aerospace  
14 Commission.

15       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
16 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
17 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

18       Sec. 504.611. VOLUNTEER ADVOCATE PROGRAM LICENSE PLATES.  
19 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates in  
20 recognition of children. The department shall design the license  
21 plates in consultation with the attorney general.

22       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the attorney general volunteer  
25 advocate program account in the general revenue fund. Money  
26 deposited to the credit of the volunteer advocate program account  
27 may be used only by the attorney general to fund a contract entered



1 into by the attorney general under Section 264.602, Family Code.

2 Sec. 504.612. TEXAS YOUNG LAWYERS ASSOCIATION LICENSE  
3 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
4 including the words "And Justice for All." The department shall  
5 design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Young  
6 Lawyers Association.

7 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
8 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
9 shall be deposited to the credit of the basic civil legal services  
10 account established by Section 51.943, Government Code.

11 Sec. 504.613. HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO LICENSE  
12 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
13 including the words "Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo." The  
14 department shall design the license plates in consultation with the  
15 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
18 shall be deposited to the credit of the Houston Livestock Show and  
19 Rodeo scholarship account in the state treasury. Money in the  
20 account may be used only by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
21 Board in making grants to benefit the Houston Livestock Show and  
22 Rodeo.

23 Sec. 504.614. PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
24 The department may issue specialty license plates that include the  
25 name and insignia of a professional sports team located in this  
26 state. The department shall design the license plates in  
27 consultation with the professional sports team and may enter a

1 trademark license with the professional sports team or its league  
2 to implement this section. A license plate may be issued under this  
3 section only for a professional sports team that:

4 (1) certifies to the department that it has determined  
5 that at least 3,500 persons will apply for the plates; and

6 (2) plays its home games in a facility constructed or  
7 operated, in whole or in part, with public funds.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
10 shall be sent to the public entity that provided public funds for  
11 the construction or renovation of the facility in which the  
12 professional sports team plays its home games or that provides  
13 public funds for the operation of that facility. The funds shall be  
14 deposited to the credit of the venue project fund, if the public  
15 entity has created a venue project fund under Section 334.042 or  
16 335.072, Local Government Code. If the public entity has not  
17 created a venue project fund, funds distributed to a public entity  
18 under this section must first be used to retire any public debt  
19 incurred by the public entity in the construction or acquisition of  
20 the facility in which the professional sports team plays its home  
21 games. After that debt is retired, funds distributed to the public  
22 entity may be spent only for maintenance or improvement of the  
23 facility.

24 (c) In this section:

25 (1) "Public entity" includes a municipality, county,  
26 industrial development corporation, or special district that is  
27 authorized to plan, acquire, establish, develop, construct, or

1 renovate a facility in which a professional sports team plays its  
2 home games.

3 (2) "Professional sports team" means a sports team  
4 that is a member or an affiliate of a member of the National  
5 Football League, National Basketball Association, or National  
6 Hockey League or a major league baseball team.

7 Sec. 504.615. COLLEGIATE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
8 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
9 name and insignia of a college. The department shall design the  
10 license plates in consultation with the applicable college. The  
11 department may issue a license plate under this section only for a  
12 college that certifies to the department that it has determined  
13 that at least 1,500 persons will apply for the plates.

14 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
15 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
16 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund. The  
17 money may be used only for scholarships to students who demonstrate  
18 a need for financial assistance under Texas Higher Education  
19 Coordinating Board rule.

20 (c) If the fee is for the issuance of license plates for a  
21 college described by Subsection (e)(1), the money:

22 (1) shall be deposited to the credit of the  
23 institution of higher education designated on the license plates;  
24 and

25 (2) is supplementary and is not income for purposes of  
26 reducing general revenue appropriations to that institution of  
27 higher education.

1       (d) If the fee is for the issuance of license plates for a  
2 college described by Subsection (e)(2), the money shall be  
3 deposited to the credit of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
4 Board. The money:

5           (1) shall be allocated to students at the college  
6 designated on the plates; and

7           (2) is in addition to other money that the board may  
8 allocate to that college.

9       (e) In this section, "college" means:

10           (1) an institution of higher education as defined by  
11 Section 61.003, Education Code; or

12           (2) a private college or university described by  
13 Section 61.222, Education Code.

14       Sec. 504.616. TEXAS READS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
15 department shall issue specialty license plates including the words  
16 "Texas Reads." The department shall design the license plates to  
17 incorporate one or more submissions from middle school students in  
18 a competition conducted by the department.

19       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
20 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
21 the Texas Reads account in the general revenue fund. Money from the  
22 account may be used only to make grants under Section 441.0092,  
23 Government Code. The account is composed of:

24           (1) money required to be deposited to the credit of the  
25 account under this subsection; and

26           (2) donations made to the account.

27       Sec. 504.617. TEXAS. IT'S LIKE A WHOLE OTHER COUNTRY

1 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
2 plates that include the trademarked Texas patch and the words  
3 "Texas. It's Like A Whole Other Country." The department shall  
4 design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Department  
5 of Economic Development.

6 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
7 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
8 shall be deposited to the credit of the tourism account in the  
9 general revenue fund to finance the Texas Department of Economic  
10 Development's tourism activities.

11 Sec. 504.618. CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
12 department shall issue specialty license plates to support Parks  
13 and Wildlife Department activities. The department shall design  
14 the license plates in consultation with the Parks and Wildlife  
15 Department.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
18 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas parks and wildlife  
19 capital account established by Section 11.043, Parks and Wildlife  
20 Code. Money deposited in the Texas parks and wildlife capital  
21 account under this section is supplementary and is not income for  
22 the purposes of reducing general revenue appropriations to the  
23 Parks and Wildlife Department.

24 Sec. 504.619. TEXAS COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF  
25 HEARING LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty  
26 license plates in support of the Texas Commission for the Deaf and  
27 Hard of Hearing. The department shall design the license plates in

1 consultation with the Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of  
2 Hearing.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
4 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates:

5 (1) shall be deposited to the credit of the general  
6 revenue fund; and

7 (2) may be appropriated only to the Texas Commission  
8 for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for direct services programs,  
9 training, and education.

10 Sec. 504.620. TEXANS CONQUER CANCER LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
11 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include  
12 the words "Texans Conquer Cancer." The department shall design the  
13 license plates in consultation with the Texas Cancer Council.

14 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
15 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
16 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texans Conquer Cancer  
17 account established by Section 102.017, Health and Safety Code.

18 Sec. 504.621. SPECIAL OLYMPICS TEXAS LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
19 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include  
20 the words "Special Olympics Texas." The department shall design  
21 the license plates in consultation with Special Olympics Texas.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the Special Olympics Texas  
25 account established by Section 533.018, Health and Safety Code.

26 Sec. 504.622. GIRL SCOUT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
27 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the

1 words "Girl Scouts." The department shall design the license  
2 plates in consultation with the Girl Scout Councils of Texas.

3 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
4 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
5 shall be deposited to the credit of the Girl Scout account in the  
6 state treasury. Money in the account may be used by the Texas  
7 Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit  
8 educational projects sponsored by the Girl Scout Councils of Texas.

9 Sec. 504.623. TEXAS YMCA. (a) The department shall issue  
10 specialty license plates in honor of the Young Men's Christian  
11 Association. The department shall design the license plates.

12 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
13 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
14 shall be deposited to the credit of the YMCA account established by  
15 Section 7.025, Education Code, as added by Chapter 869, Acts of the  
16 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

17 Sec. 504.624. 100TH FOOTBALL SEASON OF STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
18 HIGH SCHOOL. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
19 plates in honor of the 100th football season of Stephen F. Austin  
20 High School in Austin. The department shall design the license  
21 plates in consultation with the principal of Stephen F. Austin High  
22 School.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
25 shall be sent to the Texas Education Agency for distribution to the  
26 Austin Independent School District to be used only for the benefit  
27 of the Austin High School Athletic Department.

1       Sec. 504.625. TEXAS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS LICENSE PLATES.

2       (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates that  
3       include the words "Go Texan" and the "Go Texan" logo of the  
4       Department of Agriculture. The department shall design the license  
5       plates in consultation with the commissioner of agriculture.

6       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
7       costs, the department shall deposit the remainder of the proceeds  
8       to the credit of the "Go Texan" partner program account established  
9       by Section 46.008, Agriculture Code.

10       Sec. 504.626. TEXAS CITRUS INDUSTRY. (a) The department  
11       shall issue specialty license plates in honor of the citrus  
12       industry in this state. The department shall design the license  
13       plates.

14       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
15       costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
16       shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the general  
17       revenue fund that may be appropriated only to Texas A&M  
18       University--Kingsville to provide financial assistance to graduate  
19       students in the College of Agriculture and Human Sciences.

20       Sec. 504.627. WATERFOWL AND WETLAND CONSERVATION LICENSE  
21       PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
22       including one or more graphic images supplied by the Parks and  
23       Wildlife Department. The department shall design the license  
24       plates in consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and  
25       any organization designated by it.

26       (b) After deducting the department's administrative costs,  
27       the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be



1 deposited to the credit of an account in the state treasury. Money  
2 in the account may be used only by the Parks and Wildlife Department  
3 to support the activities of a designated nonprofit organization  
4 whose primary purpose is the conservation of waterfowl and wetland.

5 Sec. 504.628. UNITED WE STAND LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
6 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
7 words "United We Stand" and include only the colors red, white,  
8 blue, and black.

9 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
10 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
11 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Military Preparedness  
12 Grant Account in the general revenue fund.

13 Sec. 504.629. TEXAS PGA JUNIOR GOLF LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
14 The department shall issue specialty license plates in honor of  
15 Texas PGA Junior Golf. The department shall design the license  
16 plates in consultation with Texas PGA Junior Golf.

17 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
18 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
19 the general revenue fund for use only by the Texas Parks and  
20 Wildlife Department in making grants to benefit Texas PGA Junior  
21 Golf to provide scholarships to students.

22 Sec. 504.630. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
23 The department shall issue specialty license plates that include  
24 the words "Air Force Association." The department shall design the  
25 license plates in consultation with the Air Force Association of  
26 Texas.

27 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative

1 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
2 the Air Force Association of Texas account in the state treasury.  
3 Money in the account may be used by the Texas Veterans Commission in  
4 making grants to benefit projects sponsored by the Air Force  
5 Association of Texas.

6 Sec. 504.631. TEXAS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.

7 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates to honor  
8 the Texas State Rifle Association.

9 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
10 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
11 an account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only  
12 to the Texas A&M University System to supplement existing and  
13 future scholarship programs supported by the Texas State Rifle  
14 Association and to provide grants to 4-H Club shooting sports  
15 programs to promote safety education.

16 Sec. 504.632. URBAN FORESTRY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
17 department shall issue specialty license plates to benefit urban  
18 forestry. The department shall design the license plates in  
19 consultation with an organization described in Subsection (b).

20 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
21 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
22 the urban forestry account in the state treasury. Money in the  
23 account may be used by the Texas Forest Service in making grants to  
24 support the activities of a nonprofit organization located in Texas  
25 whose primary purpose is to sponsor projects involving urban and  
26 community:

27 (1) tree planting;

1           (2) tree preservation; and

2           (3) tree education programs.

3           Sec. 504.633. SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
4 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
5 words "Share the Road" and the image of a bicycle or a bicycle with a  
6 rider. The department shall design the plates in consultation with  
7 the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund.

8           (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited the credit of the  
10 share the road account in the state treasury to be used only by the  
11 Texas Education Agency to support the activities of a designated  
12 nonprofit organization whose primary purpose is to promote  
13 bicyclist safety, education, and access through:

14           (1) education and awareness programs; and

15           (2) training, workshops, educational materials, and  
16 media events.

17           (c) Up to 25 percent of the amount in Subsection (b) may be  
18 used to support the activities of the nonprofit organization in  
19 marketing and promoting the share the road concept and license  
20 plates.

21           Sec. 504.634. SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK  
22 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue San Antonio  
23 Missions National Historical Park specialty license plates. The  
24 department shall design the license plates in consultation with Los  
25 Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

26           (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
27 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of

1 Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park  
2 account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used  
3 only by the Texas Historical Commission in making grants to Los  
4 Compadres de San Antonio Missions National Historical Park to be  
5 used for the purpose of the preservation and rehabilitation of the  
6 San Antonio Missions National Historical Park.

7 Sec. 504.635. EL PASO MISSION VALLEY LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
8 The department shall issue El Paso Mission Valley specialty license  
9 plates. The department shall design the license plates in  
10 consultation with the Socorro Mission Restoration Effort.

11 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
12 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
13 the El Paso Mission Restoration account in the state treasury.  
14 Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Historical  
15 Commission in making grants to the Socorro Mission Restoration  
16 Effort to be used for the purpose of the preservation and  
17 rehabilitation of the Socorro Mission.

18 Sec. 504.636. COTTON BOLL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
19 department shall issue specialty license plates depicting a graphic  
20 image of a cotton boll. The department shall design the license  
21 plates in consultation with Texas Cotton Producers, Inc.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
23 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
24 the general revenue fund for use only by the Texas Higher Education  
25 Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit Texas Cotton  
26 Producers, Inc., for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to  
27 students who are pursuing a degree in an agricultural field related

1 to the cotton industry while enrolled in an institution of higher  
2 education, as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code.

3 Sec. 504.637. DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS LICENSE  
4 PLATES. The department shall issue specialty license plates that  
5 include the words "Native Texan." The department shall design the  
6 license plates in consultation with the Daughters of the Republic  
7 of Texas.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the credit of  
10 the Daughters of the Republic of Texas account in the state  
11 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas  
12 Department of Economic Development or its successor agency in  
13 making grants to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas to be used  
14 only for the purpose of:

- 15 (1) preserving Texas historic sites; or  
16 (2) funding educational programs that teach Texas  
17 history.

18 Sec. 504.638. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
19 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
20 words "Knights of Columbus" and the emblem of the Order of the  
21 Knights of Columbus. The department shall design the license  
22 plates in consultation with the Knights of Columbus.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
25 shall be deposited to the credit of the State Council Charities  
26 account in the general fund. Money in the account may be used only  
27 by the Texas Education Agency to make grants to State Council

1 Charities to carry out the purposes of that organization.

2 Sec. 504.639. TEXAS MUSIC LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
3 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
4 words "Texas Music." The department shall design the license  
5 plates in consultation with the Austin Music Foundation.

6 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
7 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
8 shall be deposited to the credit of the Austin Music Foundation  
9 account established by Section 7.026, Education Code.

10 Sec. 504.640. SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
11 The department shall issue Space Shuttle Columbia specialty license  
12 plates. The department shall design the license plates in  
13 consultation with the Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas.

14 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
15 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
16 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may  
17 be used only by the Texas Aerospace Commission or its successor  
18 agency in making grants to benefit the Aviation and Space  
19 Foundation of Texas for the purposes of furthering aviation and  
20 space activities in Texas and providing Columbia Crew memorial  
21 scholarships to students.

22 Sec. 504.641. BE A BLOOD DONOR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
23 department shall issue Be a Blood Donor specialty license plates.  
24 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with  
25 the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston.

26 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
27 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates

1 shall be deposited to the credit of the Be a Blood Donor account  
2 under Section 162.016, Health and Safety Code.

3 Sec. 504.642. TEXAS COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD LICENSE  
4 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue Texas County Child Welfare  
5 Boards specialty license plates. The department shall design the  
6 license plates in consultation with the Texas Council of Child  
7 Welfare Boards, Inc.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
10 shall be deposited to the credit of a special account for abused and  
11 neglected children established at the Texas Department of  
12 Protective and Regulatory Services. Money in the account may be  
13 used only by the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory  
14 Services to fund programs and services supporting abused and  
15 neglected children under Section 264.004, Family Code.

16 Sec. 504.643. STAR DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY READERS ARE LEADERS  
17 LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
18 plates that include the words "STAR Day School Library Readers Are  
19 Leaders." The department shall design the license plates in  
20 consultation with the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR)  
21 Day Foundation.

22 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
23 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
24 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and  
25 used only by the Texas Education Agency in making grants to benefit  
26 the State of Texas Anniversary Remembrance (STAR) Day Foundation to  
27 be used only for the purpose of providing supplementary reading and

1 service programs in partnership with public schools in this state  
2 for seventh and eighth grade public school students.

3 Sec. 504.644. MARINE MAMMAL RECOVERY LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
4 The department shall issue Marine Mammal Recovery specialty license  
5 plates. The department shall design the license plates in  
6 consultation with the Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas  
7 Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
10 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the state  
11 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Parks and  
12 Wildlife Department to support the activities of the Texas Marine  
13 Mammal Stranding Network in the recovery, rehabilitation, and  
14 release of stranded marine mammals. The Parks and Wildlife  
15 Department shall establish reporting and other mechanisms  
16 necessary to ensure that the money is spent for purposes for which  
17 it is dedicated.

18 Sec. 504.645. 4-H LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall  
19 issue specialty license plates that include the words "To Make the  
20 Best Better," the words "Texas 4-H," and the 4-H symbol of the  
21 four-leaf clover. The department shall design the license plates  
22 in consultation with the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

23 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
24 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
25 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and  
26 shall be used only by the Texas Cooperative Extension of the Texas  
27 A&M University System for 4-H and Youth Development Programs and to



1 support the Texas Cooperative Extension's activities related to 4-H  
2 and Youth Development Programs.

3 Sec. 504.646. SMILE TEXAS STYLE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
4 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
5 words "Smile Texas Style." The department shall design the license  
6 plates in consultation with the Texas Dental Association.

7 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
8 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
9 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be  
10 used only by the Texas Department of Health in making grants to  
11 benefit the Texas Dental Association Financial Services for the  
12 sole use of providing charitable dental care.

13 Sec. 504.647. FIGHT TERRORISM LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
14 department shall issue Fight Terrorism specialty license plates.  
15 The license plates shall include a pentagon-shaped border  
16 surrounding:

17 (1) the date "9-11-01" with the likeness of the World  
18 Trade Center towers forming the "11";

19 (2) the likeness of the United States flag; and

20 (3) the words "Fight Terrorism."

21 (b) The fee shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
22 highway fund.

23 Sec. 504.648. GOD BLESS TEXAS AND GOD BLESS AMERICA LICENSE  
24 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
25 that include the words "God Bless Texas" and "God Bless America."

26 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
27 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates

1 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and may  
2 only be used for the Safe Routes to School Program.

3 (c) The fee for the license plates is \$40.

4 Sec. 504.649. TEXAS JUNETEENTH LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
5 department shall issue Texas Juneteenth specialty license plates.  
6 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with  
7 the Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical  
8 Commission.

9 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
10 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
11 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Emancipation  
12 Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission in a special account  
13 in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the  
14 Texas Emancipation Juneteenth Cultural and Historical Commission  
15 for grants to Juneteenth USA to erect a Juneteenth Memorial  
16 Monument on the South grounds of the State Capitol, place  
17 Juneteenth monuments and markers in various historical parts of  
18 Texas, develop a Juneteenth Museum, Cultural, and Educational  
19 Institute, Recreation Center, and Park, and otherwise support the  
20 activities and projects of Juneteenth USA and its affiliates.

21 Sec. 504.650. KEEPING TEXAS STRONG LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
22 department shall issue Keeping Texas Strong specialty license  
23 plates. The department shall design the license plates in  
24 consultation with the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

25 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
26 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
27 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Alliance Education

1 Program account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account  
2 may be used only by the Texas Education Agency to finance the  
3 education programs of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

4 Sec. 504.651. MARCH OF DIMES LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
5 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
6 words "March of Dimes." The department shall design the license  
7 plates in consultation with March of Dimes Texas Chapter.

8 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
9 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
10 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Health  
11 for use in the Birth Defects Registry.

12 Sec. 504.652. MASTER GARDENER LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
13 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
14 seal of the Texas Master Gardener program of Texas Cooperative  
15 Extension.

16 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
17 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
18 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the general  
19 revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by Texas  
20 Cooperative Extension for graduate student assistantships within  
21 the Texas Master Gardener program and to support Texas Cooperative  
22 Extension's activities related to the Texas Master Gardener  
23 program.

24 Sec. 504.653. MOTHER-CHILD SURVIVORS EDUCATIONAL  
25 SCHOLARSHIP FUND LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue  
26 mother-child survivors educational scholarship fund specialty  
27 license plates. The department shall design the license plates in

1 consultation with Texans for Equal Justice.

2 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
3 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
4 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may  
5 only be used by the attorney general to support the Texans for Equal  
6 Justice mother-child survivors educational scholarship fund for  
7 educational scholarships to:

8 (1) surviving spouses of homicide victims who have one  
9 or more minor children and who need further education to adequately  
10 support the family; and

11 (2) surviving children of homicide victims entering an  
12 institution of higher education or vocational school for the first  
13 time.

14 Sec. 504.654. PRESERVE AMERICA'S BORDERLAND LICENSE  
15 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue Preserve America's  
16 Borderland specialty license plates. The department shall design  
17 the license plates in consultation with the Borderlands Heritage  
18 Tourism Council.

19 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
20 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
21 shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the state  
22 treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas  
23 Department of Economic Development for projects overseen by the  
24 Borderlands Heritage Tourism Council. The Texas Department of  
25 Economic Development shall establish reporting and other  
26 mechanisms necessary to ensure that the money is spent for purposes  
27 for which it is dedicated.

1       Sec. 504.655. EAGLE SCOUT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
2 department shall issue specialty license plates that bear a  
3 depiction of the Eagle Scout medal.

4       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
5 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
6 shall be deposited to the credit of the Eagle Scout account in the  
7 general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by the  
8 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to  
9 support projects sponsored by Boy Scout councils in this state. The  
10 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board shall distribute grants  
11 under this section geographically as nearly as possible in  
12 proportion to the number of license plates issued under this  
13 section in each region of the state.

14       Sec. 504.656. TEJANO MONUMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
15 department shall issue Tejano Monument specialty license plates.  
16 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with  
17 The Tejano Monument, Inc.

18       (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
19 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
20 shall be deposited to the credit of the Tejano Monument account in  
21 the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by  
22 the State Preservation Board to design and erect a Tejano Monument  
23 for placement on the Capitol grounds or related educational  
24 programs.

25       Sec. 504.657. TEXAS LIONS CAMP LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
26 department shall issue Texas Lions Camp specialty license plates.  
27 The department shall design the license plates in consultation with

1 the Texas Lions League for Crippled Children.

2 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
3 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
4 shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Lions Camp account in  
5 the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the  
6 Parks and Wildlife Department to support the activities of a  
7 designated nonprofit organization that is accredited by the  
8 American Camping Association and is licensed by the Texas  
9 Department of Health and whose primary purpose is to provide,  
10 without charge, a camp for physically disabled, hearing or vision  
11 impaired, and diabetic children who reside in this state,  
12 regardless of race, religion, or national origin. The Parks and  
13 Wildlife Department shall establish reporting and other mechanisms  
14 necessary to ensure that the money is spent only for the purposes  
15 for which it is dedicated.

16 [Sections 504.658-504.700 reserved for expansion]

17 SUBCHAPTER H. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS RELATING TO

18 SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION

19 Sec. 504.701. DISCONTINUANCE OF CERTAIN SPECIALTY LICENSE  
20 PLATES. (a) This section applies only to license plates  
21 authorized by:

22 (1) Section 504.602;

23 (2) Section 504.603;

24 (3) Section 504.604;

25 (4) Section 504.605;

26 (5) Section 504.606;

27 (6) Section 504.607;

1           (7) Section 504.608;

2           (8) Section 504.609;

3           (9) Section 504.610;

4           (10) Section 504.611;

5           (11) Section 504.612;

6           (12) Section 504.613;

7           (13) Section 504.614; or

8           (14) Section 504.615.

9           (b) Except as provided by Subsections (d) and (e), on or  
10 after September 1, 2004, the department may continue to issue  
11 license plates to which this section applies only if before that  
12 date at least:

13           (1) 3,500 sets of the license plates authorized by the  
14 applicable section of this chapter have been issued or presold;

15           (2) \$15,000 has been received by the department from  
16 the issuance of license plates under that section; or

17           (3) \$15,000 has been deposited with the department for  
18 the continued issuance of those license plates.

19           (c) If before September 1, 2004, one of the conditions  
20 described by Subsection (b) is not met for the license plate, the  
21 section that authorizes the issuance of that license plate expires  
22 on that date.

23           (d) On or after September 1, 2004, the department may  
24 continue to issue license plates under:

25           (1) Section 504.615 for a particular institution of  
26 higher education or private college or university only if before  
27 that date:

1           (A) 1,500 sets of license plates for the  
2 particular institution, college, or university have been issued or  
3 presold;

4           (B) \$15,000 has been received by the department  
5 from the issuance of the license plates for that institution,  
6 college, or university; or

7           (C) \$15,000 has been deposited with the  
8 department for the continued issuance of the license plates for  
9 that institution, college, or university; or

10          (2) Section 504.614 for a particular professional  
11 sports team only if before that date:

12           (A) 3,500 sets of the license plates for that  
13 sports team have been issued or presold;

14           (B) \$15,000 has been received by the department  
15 from the issuance of license plates for that sports team; or

16           (C) \$15,000 has been deposited with the  
17 department for the continued issuance of license plates for that  
18 sports team.

19          (e) Money deposited with the department under Subsection  
20 (b)(3), (d)(1)(C), or (d)(2)(C) shall be returned by the department  
21 to the person who made the deposit only after the requisite number  
22 of license plates under those subsections are issued or presold.

23          Sec. 504.702. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES AUTHORIZED AFTER  
24 JANUARY 1, 1999. (a) This section applies only to specialty  
25 license plates that are authorized to be issued by a law that takes  
26 effect on or after January 1, 1999.

27          (b) The department may manufacture the specialty license



1 plates only if a request for manufacture of the license plates is  
2 filed with the department. The request must be:

3 (1) made on a form adopted by the department;

4 (2) filed before the fifth anniversary of the  
5 effective date of the law that authorizes the issuance of the  
6 specialty license plates; and

7 (3) accompanied by:

8 (A) a deposit of \$15,000; or

9 (B) applications for issuance of at least 3,500  
10 sets of the license plates plus the fees for issuance of that number  
11 of sets.

12 (c) Money deposited with the department under Subsection  
13 (b)(3)(A) shall be returned to the person who made the deposit only  
14 if 3,500 sets of the applicable license plates are issued or  
15 presold.

16 (d) If a request is not filed with the department before the  
17 date specified by Subsection (b)(2), the law that authorizes the  
18 issuance of the specialty license plates expires on that date.

19 [Sections 504.703-504.800 reserved for expansion]

20 SUBCHAPTER I. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES

21 Sec. 504.801. CREATION OF NEW SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES BY  
22 THE DEPARTMENT. (a) The department may create new specialty  
23 license plates on its own initiative or on receipt of an application  
24 from a potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created  
25 under this section must comply with each requirement of Section  
26 504.702 unless the license is created by the department on its own  
27 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate

1 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an  
2 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall  
3 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate,  
4 except that the department may require a lower deposit amount to  
5 reflect the actual costs of redesigning the license plate.

6 (b) Any person may sponsor a new specialty license plate by  
7 submitting an application to the department. An application may  
8 nominate a state agency to receive funds derived from the issuance  
9 of the license plates. The application may also identify uses to  
10 which those funds should be appropriated.

11 (c) The department shall design each new specialty license  
12 plate in consultation with the sponsor, if any, that applied for  
13 creation of that specialty license plate. The department may  
14 refuse to create a new specialty license plate if the design might  
15 be offensive to any member of the public, if the nominated state  
16 agency does not consent to receipt of the funds derived from  
17 issuance of the license plate, if the uses identified for those  
18 funds might violate a statute or constitutional provision, or for  
19 any other reason established by rule. At the request of the  
20 sponsor, distribution of the license plate may be limited by the  
21 department.

22 (d) The fee for issuance of license plates authorized under  
23 this subchapter is \$30.

24 (e) For each fee collected:

25 (1) \$8 shall be used to reimburse the department for  
26 its administrative costs; and

27 (2) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of:

1           (A) the specialty license plate fund, an account  
2 in the general revenue fund, if the sponsor nominated a state agency  
3 to receive the funds; or

4           (B) the state highway fund if the sponsor did not  
5 nominate a state agency to receive the funds or if there is no  
6 sponsor.

7           (f) Subchapter D, Chapter 316, Government Code, and Section  
8 403.095, Government Code, do not apply to fees collected under this  
9 section.

10          (g) The department may report to the legislature at any time  
11 concerning implementation of this section. The report may include  
12 recommendations concerning the appropriations, by amount, state  
13 agency, and uses, that are necessary to implement the requests of  
14 sponsors.

15          (h) If a sponsor does not name a state agency to receive the  
16 funds or if there is no sponsor, the department may license a  
17 trademark for inclusion within the design of the plates and may pay  
18 a fee for the trademark license.

19          (i) The department may vary the design of a license plate  
20 created under this section to accommodate or reflect its use on a  
21 motor vehicle other than a passenger car or light truck.

22           [Sections 504.802-504.850 reserved for expansion]

23           SUBCHAPTER J. MARKETING OF SPECIALTY

24           PLATES THROUGH PRIVATE VENDOR

25          Sec. 504.851. CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE VENDOR. (a) The Texas  
26 Transportation Commission may authorize the department to enter  
27 into a contract with the private vendor whose proposal is most

1 advantageous to the state as determined from competitive sealed  
2 proposals for the marketing and sale of:

3 (1) personalized prestige license plates authorized  
4 by Section 504.101; or

5 (2) other specialized license plates authorized by  
6 this subchapter.

7 (b) Instead of the fees established by Section 504.101(c),  
8 if the Texas Transportation Commission authorizes the department to  
9 contract with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(1) for the  
10 marketing and sale of personalized prestige license plates, the  
11 commission by rule shall establish fees for the issuance or renewal  
12 of personalized prestige license plates that are marketed and sold  
13 by the private vendor. Fees must be reasonable and not less than  
14 the greater of:

15 (1) the amounts necessary to allow the department to  
16 recover all costs to the department associated with the evaluation  
17 of the competitive sealed proposals received by the department and  
18 with the implementation and enforcement of the contract, including  
19 direct, indirect, and administrative costs; or

20 (2) the amount established by Section 504.101(c).

21 (c) If the Texas Transportation Commission authorizes the  
22 department to contract with a private vendor under Subsection  
23 (a)(2) for the marketing and sale of other specialized license  
24 plates authorized by this subchapter, including specialized  
25 license plates that may be personalized, the commission by rule  
26 shall establish the fees for the issuance or renewal of specialized  
27 license plates that are marketed and sold by the private vendor.

1 Fees must be reasonable and not less than the amounts necessary to  
2 allow the department to recover all costs to the department  
3 associated with the evaluation of the competitive sealed proposals  
4 received by the department and with the implementation and  
5 enforcement of the contract, including direct, indirect, and  
6 administrative costs. A fee established under this subsection is  
7 in addition to:

8 (1) the registration fee and any optional registration  
9 fee prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle for which the  
10 specialized license plates are issued;

11 (2) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter  
12 for the issuance of the specialized license plates for that  
13 vehicle; and

14 (3) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter  
15 for the issuance of personalized special license plates for that  
16 vehicle.

17 (d) At any time, as necessary to comply with Subsection (b)  
18 or (c), the Texas Transportation Commission may increase or  
19 decrease the amount of a fee established under the applicable  
20 subsection.

21 (e) A contract with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(1)  
22 is payable only from amounts derived from the collection of the fee  
23 established under Subsection (b). A contract with a private vendor  
24 under Subsection (a)(2) is payable only from amounts derived from  
25 the collection of the fee established under Subsection (c).

26 (f) The department may create new design and color  
27 combinations for personalized prestige license plates that are

1 marketed or sold by a private vendor under a contract entered into  
2 under Subsection (a)(1). Each approved license plate design and  
3 color combination remains the property of the department.

4 (g) The department may create new design and color  
5 combinations for specialized license plates, including specialized  
6 license plates that may be personalized, that are marketed or sold  
7 by a private vendor under a contract entered into under Subsection  
8 (a)(2). Each approved license plate design and color combination  
9 remains the property of the department. This subsection does not  
10 authorize:

11 (1) the department to approve a design or color  
12 combination for a specialized license plate that is inconsistent  
13 with the design or color combination specified for the license  
14 plate by the section of this subchapter that authorizes the  
15 issuance of the specialized license plate; or

16 (2) the private vendor to market or sell a specialized  
17 license plate with a design or color combination that is  
18 inconsistent with the design or color combination specified by that  
19 section.

20 (h) In connection with a license plate that is marketed or  
21 sold by a private vendor under contract, the department may cancel a  
22 license plate or require the discontinuation of a license plate  
23 design or color combination at any time if the department  
24 determines that the cancellation or discontinuation is in the best  
25 interest of this state or the motoring public.

26 (i) A contract entered into by the department with a private  
27 vendor under this section:

1           (1) must comply with any law generally applicable to a  
2 contract for services entered into by the department;

3           (2) must require the private vendor to render at least  
4 quarterly to the department periodic accounts that accurately  
5 detail all material transactions, including information reasonably  
6 required by the department to support fees that are collected by the  
7 vendor, and to regularly remit all money payable to the department  
8 under the contract; and

9           (3) may allow or require the private vendor to  
10 establish an electronic infrastructure coordinated and compatible  
11 with the department's registration system, by which motor vehicle  
12 owners may electronically send and receive applications, other  
13 documents, or required payments, and that, when secure access is  
14 necessary, can be electronically validated by the department.

15           (j) From amounts received by the department, the department  
16 shall deposit to the credit of the state highway fund an amount  
17 sufficient to enable the department to recover its administrative  
18 costs for all license plates issued under this section, including  
19 any payments to the vendor under Subsection (a), and any other  
20 amounts allocated to the state highway fund by another law. To the  
21 extent that disposition of other amounts received from the vendor  
22 are governed by another law, those amounts shall be deposited in  
23 accordance with the other law, and for each type of license plate,  
24 the amount charged for the license plate may not be less than the  
25 amount in effect on January 1, 2003. Any additional amount  
26 received from the vendor shall be deposited to the credit of the  
27 general revenue fund.

1       (k) The Texas Transportation Commission may authorize the  
2 department to pay a licensing fee for the use of a trademark in  
3 connection with the marketing and sale of a license plate under this  
4 section.

5       SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
6 is amended by adding Sections 502.0071, 502.0072, 502.0073,  
7 502.0074, 502.0078, and 502.0079 to read as follows:

8       Sec. 502.0071. GOLF CARTS. An owner of a golf cart is not  
9 required to register the golf cart if:

10       (1) the operation of the golf cart occurs in the  
11 daytime, as defined by Section 541.401; and

12       (2) the operation:

13       (A) does not exceed a distance of two miles from  
14 the point of origin to the destination if driven to and from a golf  
15 course;

16       (B) occurs entirely within a master planned  
17 community with a uniform set of restrictive covenants that has had a  
18 plat approved by a county or a municipality; or

19       (C) occurs on a public or private beach.

20       Sec. 502.0072. MANUFACTURED HOUSING. Manufactured  
21 housing, as defined by Section 1201.003, Occupations Code, is not a  
22 vehicle subject to this chapter.

23       Sec. 502.0073. POWER SWEEPERS. (a) An owner of a power  
24 sweeper is not required to register the power sweeper.

25       (b) In this section, "power sweeper" means an implement,  
26 with or without motive power, designed for the removal by broom,  
27 vacuum, or regenerative air system of debris, dirt, gravel, litter,



1 or sand from asphaltic concrete or cement concrete surfaces,  
2 including surfaces of parking lots, roads, streets, highways, and  
3 warehouse floors. The term includes a vehicle on which the  
4 implement is permanently mounted if the vehicle is used only as a  
5 power sweeper.

6 Sec. 502.0074. MOTORIZED MOBILITY DEVICE. The owner of a  
7 motorized mobility device, as defined by Section 542.008, as  
8 amended by Chapter 497, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular  
9 Session, 2001, is not required to register the motorized mobility  
10 device.

11 Sec. 502.0078. VEHICLES OPERATED ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY  
12 SEPARATING REAL PROPERTY UNDER VEHICLE OWNER'S CONTROL. Where a  
13 public highway separates real property under the control of the  
14 owner of a motor vehicle, the operation of the motor vehicle by the  
15 owner or the owner's agent or employee across the highway is not a  
16 use of the motor vehicle on the public highway.

17 Sec. 502.0079. VEHICLES OPERATED BY CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS.  
18 (a) A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer  
19 that is registered in the state or country in which the person  
20 resides may operate the vehicle to transport persons or property  
21 for compensation without being registered in this state, if the  
22 person does not exceed two trips in a calendar month and each trip  
23 does not exceed four days.

24 (b) A nonresident owner of a privately owned vehicle that is  
25 not registered in this state may not make more than five occasional  
26 trips in any calendar month into this state using the vehicle. Each  
27 occasional trip into this state may not exceed five days.

1       (c) A nonresident owner of a privately owned passenger car  
2 that is registered in the state or country in which the person  
3 resides and that is not operated for compensation may operate the  
4 car in this state for the period in which the car's license plates  
5 are valid. In this subsection, "nonresident" means a resident of a  
6 state or country other than this state whose presence in this state  
7 is as a visitor and who does not engage in gainful employment or  
8 enter into business or an occupation, except as may otherwise be  
9 provided by any reciprocal agreement with another state or country.

10       (d) This section does not prevent:

11               (1) a nonresident owner of a motor vehicle from  
12 operating the vehicle in this state for the sole purpose of  
13 marketing farm products raised exclusively by the person; or

14               (2) a resident of an adjoining state or country from  
15 operating in this state a privately owned and registered vehicle to  
16 go to and from the person's place of regular employment and to make  
17 trips to purchase merchandise, if the vehicle is not operated for  
18 compensation.

19       (e) The privileges provided by this section may be allowed  
20 only if, under the laws of the appropriate state or country, similar  
21 privileges are granted to vehicles registered under the laws of  
22 this state and owned by residents of this state.

23       (f) This section does not affect the right or status of a  
24 vehicle owner under any reciprocal agreement between this state and  
25 another state or country.

26       SECTION 3. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
27 is amended by adding Sections 502.187 and 502.188 to read as

1 follows:

2 Sec. 502.187. PARADE VEHICLES OWNED BY NONPROFIT SERVICE  
3 ORGANIZATIONS. (a) A motor vehicle owned and operated by a  
4 nonprofit service organization and designed, constructed, and used  
5 primarily for parade purposes is subject to registration as  
6 provided by this chapter but is exempt from the fee otherwise  
7 prescribed by this chapter.

8 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a vehicle for which a  
9 registration fee has been paid under other law.

10 Sec. 502.188. CERTAIN SOIL CONSERVATION EQUIPMENT. (a)  
11 The owner of a truck-tractor, semitrailer, or low-boy trailer used  
12 on a highway exclusively to transport the owner's soil conservation  
13 machinery or equipment used in clearing real property, terracing,  
14 or building farm ponds, levees, or ditches may register the vehicle  
15 for a fee equal to 50 percent of the fee otherwise prescribed by  
16 this chapter for the vehicle.

17 (b) An owner may register only one truck-tractor and only  
18 one semitrailer or low-boy trailer under this section.

19 (c) An owner applying for registration under this section  
20 must submit a statement that the vehicle is to be used only as  
21 provided by Subsection (a).

22 (d) The registration receipt issued for a vehicle  
23 registered under this section shall state the nature of the  
24 operation for which the vehicle may be used. The receipt must be  
25 carried at all times in or on the vehicle to permit ready  
26 inspection.

27 (e) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated

1 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be  
2 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the  
3 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by this  
4 chapter.

5 SECTION 4. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 7.026 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 7.026. AUSTIN MUSIC FOUNDATION ACCOUNT. (a) The  
8 Austin Music Foundation account is established as a separate  
9 account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed of  
10 money deposited to the credit of the account under Section 504.639,  
11 Transportation Code. Money in the account may be used only for the  
12 purposes of this section.

13 (b) The Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office in  
14 the governor's office shall administer the account. The agency may  
15 spend money credited to the account only to make grants to benefit  
16 the educational and community programs sponsored by the Austin  
17 Music Foundation and other Texas-based nonprofit members of the  
18 Austin Music Foundation's Affiliates Program. An administration  
19 fee of \$5 per license plate shall be retained by the Music, Film,  
20 Television, and Multimedia Office for performance of  
21 administrative duties.

22 SECTION 5. Chapter 162, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
23 by adding Sections 162.016 and 162.017 to read as follows:

24 Sec. 162.016. BE A BLOOD DONOR ACCOUNT. (a) The Be a Blood  
25 Donor account is a separate account in the general revenue fund. The  
26 account is composed of:

27 (1) money deposited to the credit of the account under

1 Section 504.641, Transportation Code; and

2 (2) gifts, grants, donations, and legislative  
3 appropriations.

4 (b) The department administers the account and may spend  
5 money credited to the account only to:

6 (1) make grants to nonprofit blood centers in this  
7 state for programs to recruit and retain volunteer blood donors;  
8 and

9 (2) defray the cost of administering the account.

10 (c) The board:

11 (1) may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any  
12 source for the benefit of the account; and

13 (2) by rule shall establish guidelines for spending  
14 money credited to the account.

15 Sec. 162.017. BE A BLOOD DONOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) The  
16 commissioner shall appoint a five-member Be a Blood Donor Advisory  
17 Committee composed of:

18 (1) one volunteer blood donor who has given at least  
19 one gallon of blood in the two years preceding the appointment;

20 (2) two representatives from nonprofit blood centers;

21 (3) one person who has received a blood transfusion in  
22 the five years preceding the appointment; and

23 (4) one representative from the department.

24 (b) The commissioner shall designate one member as  
25 presiding officer of the committee.

26 (c) The committee shall:

27 (1) meet at least annually or as called by the

1 commissioner;

2 (2) assist the board in establishing guidelines for  
3 the expenditure of money credited to the Be a Blood Donor account;  
4 and

5 (3) review and make recommendations to the department  
6 on applications submitted to the department for grants funded with  
7 money credited to the Be a Blood Donor account.

8 (d) Members of the committee serve without compensation and  
9 are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Members of the  
10 committee serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of as  
11 near one-half as possible of the members expiring on January 31 of  
12 each even-numbered year.

13 SECTION 6. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation  
14 Code, is repealed.

15 (b) The repeal of Section 502.273, Transportation Code, by  
16 this Act does not affect the validity of license plates already  
17 issued under that section, which shall be governed under Section  
18 504.801, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

19 SECTION 7. (a) This section shall be implemented only if  
20 the Legislative Budget Board determines that this Act would  
21 otherwise reduce the amount of money allocated to the general  
22 revenue fund from the issuance by the Texas Department of  
23 Transportation of specialty license plates during fiscal years 2004  
24 and 2005 relative to the amount of money allocated to the general  
25 revenue fund from the issuance by that department of specialized  
26 license plates during fiscal years 2002 and 2003.

27 (b) The Texas Department of Transportation shall reduce the

1 amount of fees allocated to the department's administrative costs  
2 and allocate that amount to general revenue for deposit to the  
3 credit of the accounts specified in each section of Chapter 504,  
4 Transportation Code, as added by this Act. The amount of the  
5 reduction and reallocation shall be the amount necessary to ensure  
6 that sums allocated to the general revenue fund are not reduced as  
7 specified in Subsection (a) of this section. The reduction in  
8 administrative costs shall be taken proportionately from each  
9 specialty plate so that each will be reduced by the same percentage  
10 amount.

11 (c) This section expires September 1, 2005.

12 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.