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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1704 By: Wentworth

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the registration of vehicles and the issuance of  
1-11 specially designed license plates by the Texas Department of  
1-12 Transportation.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
1-15 is amended by adding Section 502.2515 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 502.2515. CONTRACT WITH PRIVATE VENDOR. (a) The  
1-17 Texas Transportation Commission may authorize the department to  
1-18 enter into a contract with the private vendor whose proposal is most  
1-19 advantageous to the state as determined from competitive sealed  
1-20 proposals for the marketing and sale of:

1-21 (1) personalized prestige license plates authorized  
1-22 by Section 502.251; or

1-23 (2) other specialized license plates authorized by  
1-24 this subchapter.

1-25 (b) Instead of the fees established by Section 502.251(c),  
1-26 if the Texas Transportation Commission authorizes the department to  
1-27 contract with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(1) for the  
1-28 marketing and sale of personalized prestige license plates, the  
1-29 commission by rule shall establish fees for the issuance or renewal  
1-30 of personalized prestige license plates that are marketed and sold  
1-31 by the private vendor. Fees must be reasonable and not less than  
1-32 the greater of:

1-33 (1) the amounts necessary to allow the department to  
1-34 recover all costs to the department associated with the evaluation  
1-35 of the competitive sealed proposals received by the department and  
1-36 with the implementation and enforcement of the contract, including  
1-37 direct, indirect, and administrative costs; or

1-38 (2) the amount established by Section 502.251(c).

1-39 (c) If the Texas Transportation Commission authorizes the  
1-40 department to contract with a private vendor under Subsection  
1-41 (a)(2) for the marketing and sale of other specialized license  
1-42 plates authorized by this subchapter, including specialized  
1-43 license plates that may be personalized, the commission by rule  
1-44 shall establish the fees for the issuance or renewal of specialized  
1-45 license plates that are marketed and sold by the private vendor.  
1-46 Fees must be reasonable and not less than the amounts necessary to  
1-47 allow the department to recover all costs to the department  
1-48 associated with the evaluation of the competitive sealed proposals  
1-49 received by the department and with the implementation and  
1-50 enforcement of the contract, including direct, indirect, and  
1-51 administrative costs. A fee established under this subsection is  
1-52 in addition to:

1-53 (1) the registration fee and any optional registration  
1-54 fee prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle for which the  
1-55 specialized license plates are issued;

1-56 (2) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter  
1-57 for the issuance of the specialized license plates for that  
1-58 vehicle; and

1-59 (3) any additional fee prescribed by this subchapter  
1-60 for the issuance of personalized special license plates for that  
1-61 vehicle.

1-62 (d) At any time, as necessary to comply with Subsection (b)  
1-63 or (c), the Texas Transportation Commission may increase or

2-1 decrease the amount of a fee established under the applicable  
 2-2 subsection.

2-3 (e) A contract with a private vendor under Subsection (a)(1)  
 2-4 is payable only from amounts derived from the collection of the fee  
 2-5 established under Subsection (b). A contract with a private vendor  
 2-6 under Subsection (a)(2) is payable only from amounts derived from  
 2-7 the collection of the fee established under Subsection (c).

2-8 (f) The department may create new design and color  
 2-9 combinations for personalized prestige license plates that are  
 2-10 marketed or sold by a private vendor under a contract entered into  
 2-11 under Subsection (a)(1). Each approved license plate design and  
 2-12 color combination remains the property of the department.

2-13 (g) The department may create new design and color  
 2-14 combinations for specialized license plates, including specialized  
 2-15 license plates that may be personalized, that are marketed or sold  
 2-16 by a private vendor under a contract entered into under Subsection  
 2-17 (a)(2). Each approved license plate design and color combination  
 2-18 remains the property of the department. This subsection does not  
 2-19 authorize:

2-20 (1) the department to approve a design or color  
 2-21 combination for a specialized license plate that is inconsistent  
 2-22 with the design or color combination specified for the license  
 2-23 plate by the section of this subchapter that authorizes the  
 2-24 issuance of the specialized license plate; or

2-25 (2) the private vendor to market or sell a specialized  
 2-26 license plate with a design or color combination that is  
 2-27 inconsistent with the design or color combination specified by that  
 2-28 section.

2-29 (h) In connection with a license plate that is marketed or  
 2-30 sold by a private vendor under contract, the department may cancel a  
 2-31 license plate or require the discontinuation of a license plate  
 2-32 design or color combination at any time if the department  
 2-33 determines that the cancellation or discontinuation is in the best  
 2-34 interest of this state or the motoring public.

2-35 (i) A contract entered into by the department with a private  
 2-36 vendor under this section:

2-37 (1) must comply with any law generally applicable to a  
 2-38 contract for services entered into by the department;

2-39 (2) must require the private vendor to render at least  
 2-40 quarterly to the department periodic accounts that accurately  
 2-41 detail all material transactions, including information reasonably  
 2-42 required by the department to support fees that are collected by the  
 2-43 vendor, and to regularly remit all money payable to the department  
 2-44 under the contract; and

2-45 (3) may allow or require the private vendor to  
 2-46 establish an electronic infrastructure coordinated and compatible  
 2-47 with the department's registration system, by which motor vehicle  
 2-48 owners may electronically send and receive applications, other  
 2-49 documents, or required payments, and that, when secure access is  
 2-50 necessary, can be electronically validated by the department.

2-51 (j) From amounts received by the department, the department  
 2-52 shall deposit to the credit of the state highway fund an amount  
 2-53 sufficient to enable the department to recover its administrative  
 2-54 costs for all license plates issued under this section, including  
 2-55 any payments to the vendor under Subsection (a), and any other  
 2-56 amounts allocated to the state highway fund by another law. To the  
 2-57 extent that disposition of other amounts received from the vendor  
 2-58 are governed by another law, those amounts shall be deposited in  
 2-59 accordance with the other law, and for each type of license plate,  
 2-60 the amount charged for the license plate may not be less than the  
 2-61 amount in effect on January 1, 2003. Any additional amount received  
 2-62 from the vendor shall be deposited to the credit of the general  
 2-63 revenue fund.

2-64 (k) The Texas Transportation Commission may authorize the  
 2-65 department to pay a licensing fee for the use of a trademark in  
 2-66 connection with the marketing and sale of a license plate under this  
 2-67 section.

2-68 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 2-69 is amended by adding Sections 502.2524 and 502.2527 to read as

3-1 follows:

3-2 Sec. 502.2524. CREATION OF NEW SPECIALTY PLATES BY THE  
 3-3 DEPARTMENT. (a) The department may create new specialty license  
 3-4 plates on its own initiative or on receipt of an application from a  
 3-5 potential sponsor. A new specialty plate created under this  
 3-6 section must meet the requirements of Section 502.2526 unless it is  
 3-7 created by the department on its own initiative. The department may  
 3-8 allow a new specialty license plate to be personalized and allow a  
 3-9 new specialty license plate to be issued for any classification of  
 3-10 vehicle.

3-11 (b) Any person may sponsor a new specialty plate by  
 3-12 submitting an application. An application may nominate a state  
 3-13 agency to receive funds generated by the new specialty plate. An  
 3-14 application may also identify uses to which the funds generated by  
 3-15 the new specialty plate should be appropriated.

3-16 (c) The department shall design each new specialty plate in  
 3-17 consultation with the sponsor, if any, that applies for creation of  
 3-18 that specialty plate. The plate design shall be the exclusive  
 3-19 property of the department. The department may refuse to create a  
 3-20 new specialty plate if the design might be offensive to any member  
 3-21 of the public, if the nominated state agency does not consent to  
 3-22 receipt of the funds generated by the plate, if the uses identified  
 3-23 for the funds could violate any statutory or constitutional  
 3-24 provision, or for any other reason established by the Texas  
 3-25 Transportation Commission. The determination rests in the sole  
 3-26 discretion of the executive director of the department and may not  
 3-27 be overturned in the absence of an abuse of that discretion. At the  
 3-28 request of the sponsor, distribution of the plate may be limited by  
 3-29 the department. If distribution of a specialty plate is limited to  
 3-30 particular persons or vehicles, the application must include  
 3-31 evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant and the  
 3-32 applicant's vehicle are eligible.

3-33 (d) The department shall issue specialty plates created  
 3-34 under this section to a person who:

3-35 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
 3-36 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 3-37 department; and

3-38 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, unless otherwise  
 3-39 specified by this chapter or Texas Transportation Commission rule,  
 3-40 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if  
 3-41 personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the  
 3-42 fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

3-43 (e) Of each fee collected under Subsection (d), the county  
 3-44 assessor-collector shall retain 50 cents for deposit to the credit  
 3-45 of the general fund of the county to pay the costs of administering  
 3-46 this section by the county and send the remainder to the department.  
 3-47 Of each \$29.50 received by the department:

3-48 (1) \$7.50 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 3-49 highway fund to reimburse the department for its administrative  
 3-50 costs in producing the specialty plate; and

3-51 (2) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of:  
 3-52 (A) the specialty license plate account in the  
 3-53 general revenue fund, if the sponsor nominated a state agency to  
 3-54 receive the money; or

3-55 (B) the state highway fund.

3-56 (f) Subchapter D, Chapter 316, Government Code, and Section  
 3-57 403.095, Government Code, do not apply to fees collected under this  
 3-58 section.

3-59 (g) The department may report to the legislature at any time  
 3-60 concerning implementation of this section. The report may include  
 3-61 recommendations concerning the appropriations, by amount, state  
 3-62 agency, and uses, that would be necessary to implement the requests  
 3-63 of sponsors.

3-64 (h) If a sponsor does not name a state agency to receive the  
 3-65 funds or if there is no sponsor, the department may license a  
 3-66 trademark for inclusion within the design of the plates and may pay  
 3-67 a fee for the trademark license.

3-68 (i) If the specialty plates issued under this section are  
 3-69 lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the

4-1 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the  
 4-2 department by paying the replacement fee prescribed by Section  
 4-3 502.184(a)(2). If the owner of a vehicle registered under this  
 4-4 section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the  
 4-5 owner shall return the specialty plates to the department. The  
 4-6 owner of the vehicle for which the plates were issued may not  
 4-7 transfer the license plates to another person or vehicle unless the  
 4-8 department first approves the transfer.

4-9 (j) The Texas Transportation Commission shall adopt rules  
 4-10 and the department shall issue forms to implement this section.

4-11 (k) The department may prorate the fee for a specialty  
 4-12 license plate issued under this section on a monthly basis to align  
 4-13 the license plate fee to the registration period for the motor  
 4-14 vehicle for which the license plate was issued, and if a fee is  
 4-15 prorated, the allocation of the fee by this chapter to an account or  
 4-16 fund shall be prorated in proportion.

4-17 (l) The executive director of the department may refuse to  
 4-18 issue a specialty license plate with a design or alphanumeric  
 4-19 pattern that the director considers potentially objectionable to  
 4-20 one or more members of the public and the director's refusal may not  
 4-21 be overturned in the absence of an abuse of discretion.

4-22 Sec. 502.2527. SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 4-23 department may issue a souvenir version of any specialty license  
 4-24 plate.

4-25 (b) The fee for a single souvenir license plate is \$10. If  
 4-26 the souvenir license plate is personalized, the fee for the plate is  
 4-27 \$30.

4-28 (c) A souvenir license plate may not be used on a motor  
 4-29 vehicle and is not an insignia of registration for a motor vehicle.  
 4-30 Each souvenir license plate must be identified by the department in  
 4-31 a way that identifies it to law enforcement officers and others as a  
 4-32 souvenir license plate.

4-33 (d) Of each fee collected under this section, \$10 shall be  
 4-34 deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

4-35 SECTION 3. Subsection (c), Section 502.254, Transportation  
 4-36 Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-37 (c) License plates issued under this section must include:

4-38 (1) the letters "DV" as a prefix or suffix to the  
 4-39 numerals on the plate; ~~and~~

4-40 (2) the words "DISABLED VETERAN [~~VET.~~]"; and

4-41 (3) the words "U.S. Armed Forces" at the bottom of each  
 4-42 plate.

4-43 SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 4-44 is amended by adding Section 502.2581 to read as follows:

4-45 Sec. 502.2581. AIRBORNE PARACHUTIST LICENSE PLATES.

4-46 (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates  
 4-47 for passenger cars and light trucks owned by active, retired, or  
 4-48 honorably discharged members of the United States armed forces who  
 4-49 have:

4-50 (1) satisfactorily completed the prescribed  
 4-51 proficiency tests while assigned or attached to an airborne unit or  
 4-52 the Airborne Department of the United States Army Infantry School;  
 4-53 or

4-54 (2) participated in at least one combat parachute  
 4-55 jump.

4-56 (b) License plates issued under this section must include a  
 4-57 likeness of the parachutist badge authorized by the Department of  
 4-58 the Army.

4-59 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 4-60 section to a person who:

4-61 (1) applies to the department on a form prescribed by  
 4-62 the department;

4-63 (2) pays the annual fee prescribed by Subsection (d),  
 4-64 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if  
 4-65 personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the  
 4-66 fee prescribed by Section 502.251; and

4-67 (3) submits proof that the person is eligible under  
 4-68 this section.

4-69 (d) The annual fee for issuance of license plates under this

5-1 section is:

5-2 (1) \$10 for the first set of license plates; and

5-3 (2) \$15 for each additional set of license plates.

5-4 (e) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
5-5 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
5-6 shall return the special license plates to the department. The  
5-7 owner may then apply for issuance of those plates to another  
5-8 vehicle.

5-9 (f) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to  
5-10 the credit of the state highway fund.

5-11 SECTION 5. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
5-12 is amended by adding Section 502.2601 to read as follows:

5-13 Sec. 502.2601. DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS MEDAL  
5-14 RECIPIENTS. (a) The department shall issue specially designed  
5-15 license plates for passenger cars and light trucks owned by  
5-16 recipients of the Distinguished Flying Cross medal.

5-17 (b) The license plates must bear a depiction of the  
5-18 Distinguished Flying Cross medal and the words "Distinguished  
5-19 Flying Cross" at the bottom of each plate.

5-20 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
5-21 section to a person who:

5-22 (1) applies to the county tax assessor-collector of  
5-23 the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
5-24 department;

5-25 (2) pays an annual fee of \$3 in addition to the fee  
5-26 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
5-27 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
5-28 502.251; and

5-29 (3) submits proof that the person has been awarded the  
5-30 Distinguished Flying Cross medal.

5-31 (d) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
5-32 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
5-33 shall return the special license plates to the department. The  
5-34 owner may then apply for issuance of those plates to another  
5-35 vehicle.

5-36 (e) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to  
5-37 the credit of the state highway fund.

5-38 SECTION 6. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
5-39 is amended by adding Section 502.2651 to read as follows:

5-40 Sec. 502.2651. ENDURING FREEDOM VETERANS. (a) The  
5-41 department shall issue specially designed license plates for  
5-42 passenger cars and light trucks owned by persons who served in the  
5-43 United States armed forces and participated in Operation Enduring  
5-44 Freedom.

5-45 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
5-46 the words "Enduring Freedom."

5-47 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
5-48 section to a person who:

5-49 (1) applies to the department on a form prescribed by  
5-50 the department;

5-51 (2) pays the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and,  
5-52 if personalized prestige license plates are issued, the fee  
5-53 prescribed by Section 502.251; and

5-54 (3) submits proof that the person:

5-55 (A) served in the United States armed forces and  
5-56 participated in Operation Enduring Freedom; and

5-57 (B) is:

5-58 (i) an honorably discharged veteran of the  
5-59 United States armed forces or reserve component of the United  
5-60 States armed forces; or

5-61 (ii) a member of the United States armed  
5-62 forces, the Texas National Guard, or a reserve component of the  
5-63 United States armed forces.

5-64 (d) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
5-65 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
5-66 shall return the special license plates to the department. The  
5-67 owner may then apply for issuance of those plates to another  
5-68 vehicle.

5-69 (e) Section 502.2526 does not apply to this section.

SECTION 7. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2664 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2664. UNITED WE STAND LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed patriotic license plates for passenger cars and light trucks to support the Texas Military Preparedness Grant Account.

(b) The license plates must bear the words "United We Stand" and use only the colors red, white, blue, and black.

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

(1) applies to the tax assessor-collector of the county in which the person resides on the form for original registration or annual renewal of registration provided by the department; and

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) The department shall deposit \$22 of each fee collected under this section to the credit of the Texas Military Preparedness Grant Account in the general revenue fund and \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of administering this section.

(b) Subsection (a) of this section takes effect only if another Act of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, creates the Texas Military Preparedness Grant Account and becomes law. If no Act of the 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, creates that account and becomes law, Subsection (a) of this section has no effect.

SECTION 8. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2705 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2705. TEXAS PGA JUNIOR GOLF LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed "Texas PGA Junior Golf" license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) The department shall design the license plates in consultation with Texas PGA Junior Golf.

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

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

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) Of each fee collected under this section:

(1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and used only by the Parks and Wildlife Department in making grants to benefit Texas PGA Junior Golf for the purpose of providing scholarships to students; and

(2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of administering this section.

SECTION 9. Subsections (a) and (d), Section 502.2732, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the department shall issue specially designed license plates for motorcycles, passenger cars, and light trucks to support the activities of a nonprofit organization designated by the Parks and Wildlife Department that has as its principal purpose the improvement or preservation of Big Bend National Park.

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

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

(2) pays a fee of \$30 [~~\$50~~] for an original issuance of license plates under this section or \$30 [~~\$40~~] for a renewal of issuance of license plates under this section, in addition to the

7-1 fee prescribed by Section 502.160, 502.161, or 502.162, and, if  
7-2 personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the  
7-3 fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

7-4 SECTION 10. Section 502.2734, Transportation Code, is  
7-5 amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (g) and adding  
7-6 Subsection (i) to read as follows:

7-7 (a) The department shall issue one or more specially  
7-8 designed conservation license plates for the following vehicles  
7-9 [~~passenger cars and light trucks~~] to support Texas Parks and  
7-10 Wildlife Department activities:

7-11 (1) passenger cars and light trucks;

7-12 (2) trailers used primarily for the transport of  
7-13 watercraft as defined by Section 49.01, Penal Code;

7-14 (3) vehicles primarily designed as temporary living  
7-15 quarters for recreational camping or travel use, including travel  
7-16 trailers, travel semitrailers, camping trailers, camping  
7-17 semitrailers, and motor homes;

7-18 (4) farm tractors, farm trailers, and farm  
7-19 semitrailers; and

7-20 (5) truck-tractors, semitrailers, and commercial  
7-21 motor vehicles.

7-22 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
7-23 section to a person who:

7-24 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
7-25 county in which the person resides on an original or renewal  
7-26 registration application form provided by the department; and

7-27 (2) pays an annual fee of \$25, in addition to the fee  
7-28 prescribed by Section 502.161, 502.162, 502.163, 502.166, or  
7-29 502.167, and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued,  
7-30 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

7-31 (g) There is no limit to the number of vehicles [~~passenger~~  
7-32 ~~cars or light trucks~~] for which a person may apply for the issuance  
7-33 of license plates under this section.

7-34 (i) The department may vary the design of license plates  
7-35 issued under this section according to the type of vehicle for which  
7-36 the license plates are issued.

7-37 SECTION 11. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
7-38 is amended by adding Section 502.2736 to read as follows:

7-39 Sec. 502.2736. AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION LICENSE PLATES.

7-40 (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates  
7-41 for passenger cars and light trucks that bear the words "Air Force  
7-42 Association."

7-43 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
7-44 consultation with the Air Force Association of Texas.

7-45 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
7-46 section to a person who:

7-47 (1) applies to the assessor-collector of the county in  
7-48 which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

7-49 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
7-50 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
7-51 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
7-52 502.251.

7-53 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c)(2), \$8 shall  
7-54 be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the  
7-55 department only to defray the cost of administering this section.  
7-56 The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected to  
7-57 the credit of the Air Force Association of Texas account in the  
7-58 state treasury. Money in the account may be used by the Texas  
7-59 Veterans Commission in making grants to benefit projects sponsored  
7-60 by the Air Force Association of Texas.

7-61 (e) If the owner of a vehicle for which license plates were  
7-62 issued under this section disposes of the vehicle during a  
7-63 registration year, the owner shall return the special license  
7-64 plates to the department.

7-65 SECTION 12. (a) Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation  
7-66 Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2737 to read as follows:

7-67 Sec. 502.2737. TEXAS STATE RIFLE ASSOCIATION LICENSE  
7-68 PLATES. Notwithstanding Section 502.273(e), if the department  
7-69 issues Texas State Rifle Association license plates under Section

8-1 502.273, the fee for issuance of those plates is \$30. The  
 8-2 department shall use \$8 of the annual fee collected for each set of  
 8-3 those license plates only to defray the cost of administering this  
 8-4 section and shall deposit this amount to the credit of the state  
 8-5 highway fund. The remainder of the fee shall be deposited to the  
 8-6 credit of an account in the general revenue fund and may be  
 8-7 appropriated only to The Texas A&M University System to supplement  
 8-8 existing and future scholarship programs supported by the Texas  
 8-9 State Rifle Association and to provide grants to 4-H Club shooting  
 8-10 sports programs to promote safety education.

8-11 (b) Section 502.2737, Transportation Code, as added by  
 8-12 Subsection (a) of this section, applies only to an annual fee for  
 8-13 the issuance of Texas State Rifle Association license plates that  
 8-14 is collected on or after that date.

8-15 SECTION 13. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 8-16 is amended by adding Section 502.2738 to read as follows:

8-17 Sec. 502.2738. URBAN FORESTRY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 8-18 department shall issue specially designed license plates for  
 8-19 passenger cars and light trucks.

8-20 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
 8-21 consultation with any organization described in Subsection (d).

8-22 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 8-23 section to a person who:

8-24 (1) applies to the assessor-collector of the county in  
 8-25 which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

8-26 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
 8-27 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
 8-28 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
 8-29 502.251.

8-30 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c)(2), \$8 shall  
 8-31 be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the  
 8-32 department only to defray the cost of administering this section.  
 8-33 The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected to  
 8-34 the credit of the urban forestry account in the state treasury.  
 8-35 Money in the account may be used by the Texas Forest Service in  
 8-36 making grants to support the activities of a nonprofit organization  
 8-37 located in Texas whose primary purpose is to sponsor projects  
 8-38 involving urban and community:

8-39 (1) tree planting;

8-40 (2) tree preservation; and

8-41 (3) tree education programs.

8-42 (e) If the owner of a vehicle for which license plates were  
 8-43 issued under this section disposes of the vehicle during a  
 8-44 registration year, the owner shall return the special license  
 8-45 plates to the department.

8-46 SECTION 14. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 8-47 is amended by adding Section 502.2739 to read as follows:

8-48 Sec. 502.2739. SHARE THE ROAD LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 8-49 department shall issue specially designed license plates for  
 8-50 passenger cars and light trucks that include:

8-51 (1) the words "Share The Road"; and

8-52 (2) an image of a bicycle or a bicycle with a rider.

8-53 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
 8-54 consultation with the Texas Bicycle Coalition Education Fund.

8-55 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 8-56 section to a person who:

8-57 (1) applies to the assessor-collector of the county in  
 8-58 which the person resides on a form provided by the department; and

8-59 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
 8-60 prescribed by Section 502.161, and if personalized prestige license  
 8-61 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
 8-62 502.251.

8-63 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c)(2):

8-64 (1) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 8-65 highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of  
 8-66 administering:

8-67 (A) this section; and

8-68 (B) any bicycle-related programs of the  
 8-69 department;



9-1           (2) \$5 shall be deposited to the credit of an account  
9-2 in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only to the  
9-3 Texas Education Agency to promote motorist awareness of bicyclists  
9-4 in driver and traffic safety education; and

9-5           (3) \$17 shall be deposited to the credit of the share  
9-6 the road account in the state treasury to be used by the Texas  
9-7 Education Agency to support the activities of a nonprofit  
9-8 organization whose primary purpose is to promote bicyclist safety,  
9-9 education, and access through:

- 9-10           (A) education and awareness programs; and
- 9-11           (B) training, workshops, educational materials,
- 9-12 and media events.

9-13           (e) Up to 25 percent of the amount in Subsection (d)(3) may  
9-14 be used to support the activities of the nonprofit organization in  
9-15 marketing and promoting the share the road concept and license  
9-16 plates.

9-17           (f) The Texas Education Agency may establish reporting and  
9-18 other mechanisms necessary to ensure that the money collected under  
9-19 this section is spent for purposes for which it is dedicated.

9-20           (g) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
9-21 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
9-22 shall return the special license plates to the department.

9-23           SECTION 15. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
9-24 is amended by adding Section 502.2741 to read as follows:

9-25           Sec. 502.2741. SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS NATIONAL HISTORICAL  
9-26 PARK LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially  
9-27 designed San Antonio Missions National Historical Park license  
9-28 plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

9-29           (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
9-30 consultation with Los Compadres de San Antonio Missions National  
9-31 Historical Park.

9-32           (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
9-33 section to a person who:

9-34           (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
9-35 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
9-36 department; and

9-37           (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
9-38 prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if personalized prestige  
9-39 license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by  
9-40 Section 502.251.

9-41           (d) The department shall deposit \$22 of each fee collected  
9-42 under this section to the credit of Los Compadres de San Antonio  
9-43 Missions National Historical Park account in the state treasury.  
9-44 Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Historical  
9-45 Commission in making grants to Los Compadres de San Antonio  
9-46 Missions National Historical Park to be used for the purpose of the  
9-47 preservation and rehabilitation of the San Antonio Missions  
9-48 National Historical Park.

9-49           (e) The remainder of each fee collected under this section,  
9-50 after deposit as provided by Subsection (d), shall be deposited to  
9-51 the credit of the state highway fund and used only to defray the  
9-52 cost of administering this section.

9-53           (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
9-54 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
9-55 shall return the special license plates to the department.

9-56           SECTION 16. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
9-57 is amended by adding Section 502.2742 to read as follows:

9-58           Sec. 502.2742. EL PASO MISSION VALLEY LICENSE PLATES.  
9-59 (a) The department shall issue specially designed El Paso Mission  
9-60 Valley license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

9-61           (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
9-62 consultation with the Socorro Mission Restoration Effort.

9-63           (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
9-64 section to a person who:

9-65           (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
9-66 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
9-67 department; and

9-68           (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee  
9-69 prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if personalized prestige

license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) The department shall deposit \$22 of each fee collected under this section to the credit of the El Paso Mission Restoration account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Historical Commission in making grants to the Socorro Mission Restoration Effort to be used for the purpose of the preservation and rehabilitation of the Socorro Mission.

(e) The remainder of each fee collected under this section, after deposit as provided by Subsection (d), shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used only to defray the cost of administering this section.

(f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner shall return the special license plates to the department.

SECTION 17. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2762 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2762. COTTON BOLL LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed cotton boll license plates for the following vehicles:

(1) farm vehicles, including farm truck-tractors, farm trailers, and farm semitrailers;

(2) passenger cars and light trucks; and

(3) truck-tractors, semitrailers, and other commercial motor vehicles.

(b) The license plates must depict a graphic image of a cotton boll and be designed by the department in consultation with Texas Cotton Producers, Incorporated.

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

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

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, 502.162, 502.163, or 502.166 and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) Of each fee collected under this section:

(1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and used only by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to benefit Texas Cotton Producers, Incorporated, for the sole purpose of providing scholarships to students who are pursuing a degree in an agricultural field related to the cotton industry while enrolled in an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code; and

(2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of administering this section.

SECTION 18. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2934 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2934. DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed Daughters of the Republic of Texas license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) The license plates must include the words "Native Texan" and be of a color, quality, and design approved by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

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

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

(2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

(d) The department shall deposit \$22 of each fee collected under this section to the credit of the Daughters of the Republic of

11-1 Texas account in the state treasury. Money in the account may be  
 11-2 used only by the Texas Department of Economic Development or its  
 11-3 successor agency in making grants to the Daughters of the Republic  
 11-4 of Texas to be used only for the purpose of:

- 11-5 (1) preserving Texas historic sites; or
- 11-6 (2) funding educational programs that teach Texas  
 11-7 history.

11-8 (e) The remainder of each fee collected under this section,  
 11-9 after deposit as provided by Subsection (d), shall be deposited to  
 11-10 the credit of the state highway fund and used only to defray the  
 11-11 cost of administering this section.

11-12 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
 11-13 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
 11-14 shall return the special license plates to the department.

11-15 SECTION 19. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 11-16 is amended by adding Section 502.2935 to read as follows:

11-17 Sec. 502.2935. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. (a) The department  
 11-18 shall issue specially designed Knights of Columbus license plates  
 11-19 for passenger cars and light trucks.

11-20 (b) The license plates must include the emblem of the Order  
 11-21 of the Knights of Columbus and the words "Knights of Columbus."

11-22 (c) The department shall design the license plates in  
 11-23 consultation with the Knights of Columbus.

11-24 (d) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 11-25 section to a person who:

11-26 (1) applies to the county tax assessor-collector of  
 11-27 the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 11-28 department; and

11-29 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 in addition to the fee  
 11-30 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
 11-31 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
 11-32 502.251.

11-33 (e) Of each fee collected under Subsection (d):

11-34 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the State  
 11-35 Council Charities account in the general revenue fund to be used  
 11-36 only by the Texas Education Agency to make grants to State Council  
 11-37 Charities to carry out the purposes of that organization; and

11-38 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 11-39 highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of  
 11-40 administering this section.

11-41 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
 11-42 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
 11-43 shall return the special license plates to the department.

11-44 SECTION 20. Subsections (a), (b), (c), and (e), Section  
 11-45 502.2951, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

11-46 (a) The department shall design and provide for the issuance  
 11-47 of special license plates for passenger cars and light trucks that  
 11-48 are owned by persons who are county judges of this state or retired  
 11-49 county judges of this state.

11-50 (b) License plates issued [~~to county judges~~] under this  
 11-51 section shall bear the words "County Judge."

11-52 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 11-53 section to a person who:

11-54 (1) applies to the county tax collector in the county  
 11-55 of the person's residence on a form prescribed by the department;

11-56 (2) pays the fee prescribed by Subsection (d); and

11-57 (3) submits with the application proof that the person  
 11-58 is a county judge of this state or a retired county judge of this  
 11-59 state.

11-60 (e) Registration under this section is valid for one year  
 11-61 and expires in the same manner as do regular motor vehicle  
 11-62 registrations [~~, except as provided by Subsection (f)].~~

11-63 SECTION 21. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation  
 11-64 Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2952 to read as follows:

11-65 Sec. 502.2952. TEXAS CONSTABLE LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 11-66 department shall design and provide for the issuance of special  
 11-67 license plates for a passenger car or light truck that is owned by a  
 11-68 person who is a constable or deputy constable of this state.

11-69 (b) License plates issued under this section shall bear the

12-1 words "Texas Constable."

12-2 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 12-3 section to a person who:

12-4 (1) applies to the county tax collector in the county  
 12-5 of the person's residence on a form prescribed by the department;

12-6 (2) pays the fee prescribed by Subsection (d); and

12-7 (3) submits with the application proof that the person  
 12-8 is a constable or deputy constable of this state.

12-9 (d) The fee for registration under this section and issuance  
 12-10 of the special license plates is the fee otherwise prescribed by  
 12-11 this chapter for the vehicle.

12-12 (e) Registration under this section is valid for one year  
 12-13 and expires in the same manner as do regular motor vehicle  
 12-14 registrations, except as provided by Subsection (f).

12-15 (f) Registration under this section expires when the owner  
 12-16 of the vehicle for which the special plates were issued ceases to be  
 12-17 a constable or deputy constable. The owner shall return the special  
 12-18 license plates to the department.

12-19 (g) If the owner of a vehicle for which plates are issued  
 12-20 under this section disposes of the vehicle during a registration  
 12-21 year, the person shall return the special plates to the department  
 12-22 and at that time may apply for issuance of those plates to another  
 12-23 vehicle.

12-24 SECTION 22. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 12-25 is amended by adding Section 502.2991 to read as follows:

12-26 Sec. 502.2991. TEXAS MUSIC. (a) The department shall  
 12-27 issue specially designed license plates for passenger cars and  
 12-28 light trucks to support the activities of the Austin Music  
 12-29 Foundation, other Texas-based nonprofit members of its Affiliates  
 12-30 Program, and the Texas Music Office.

12-31 (b) The license plates must bear the words "Texas Music" and  
 12-32 be of a color, design, appearance, and quality acceptable to and  
 12-33 approved by the Austin Music Foundation in consultation with the  
 12-34 department.

12-35 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 12-36 section to a person who:

12-37 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
 12-38 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 12-39 department; and

12-40 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 for an original issuance  
 12-41 of license plates under this section or \$30 for a renewal of  
 12-42 issuance of license plates under this section, in addition to the  
 12-43 fee prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige  
 12-44 license plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by  
 12-45 Section 502.251.

12-46 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c)(2), \$8 shall  
 12-47 be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the  
 12-48 department only to defray the cost of administering this section.  
 12-49 The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected to  
 12-50 the credit of the Austin Music Foundation account established by  
 12-51 Section 7.026, Education Code.

12-52 (e) If the owner of a vehicle for which license plates were  
 12-53 issued under this section disposes of the vehicle during a  
 12-54 registration year, the owner shall return the special license  
 12-55 plates to the department.

12-56 SECTION 23. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 12-57 is amended by adding Section 502.300 to read as follows:

12-58 Sec. 502.300. SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA LICENSE PLATES.  
 12-59 (a) The department shall issue specially designed "Space Shuttle  
 12-60 Columbia" license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

12-61 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
 12-62 consultation with the Aviation and Space Foundation of Texas.

12-63 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 12-64 section to a person who:

12-65 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
 12-66 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 12-67 department; and

12-68 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 and, if personalized  
 12-69 prestige license plates are issued, the fee prescribed by Section

13-1 502.251.

13-2 (d) Of each fee collected under this section:

13-3 (1) \$22 shall be deposited to the credit of the general  
 13-4 revenue fund and used only by the Texas Aerospace Commission or its  
 13-5 successor agency in making grants to benefit the Aviation and Space  
 13-6 Foundation of Texas for the purposes of furthering aviation and  
 13-7 space activities in Texas and providing Columbia Crew memorial  
 13-8 scholarships to students; and

13-9 (2) \$8 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 13-10 highway fund and used by the department only to defray the cost of  
 13-11 administering this section.

13-12 (e) If license plates issued under this section are lost,  
 13-13 stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the license  
 13-14 plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the  
 13-15 department by paying a replacement fee of \$5. If the owner of a  
 13-16 vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle  
 13-17 during the registration year, the owner shall return the special  
 13-18 license plates to the department.

13-19 SECTION 24. Subsection (c), Section 502.303,  
 13-20 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

13-21 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 13-22 section to a person who:

13-23 (1) applies to the county assessor-collector of the  
 13-24 county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 13-25 department; and

13-26 (2) pays a fee of \$25 [~~\$50~~] for an original issuance or  
 13-27 renewal of issuance of license plates under this section [~~or \$40 for~~  
 13-28 ~~a renewal of issuance of license plates under this section~~], in  
 13-29 addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161 or 502.162, and,  
 13-30 if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to  
 13-31 the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

13-32 SECTION 25. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 13-33 is amended by adding Section 502.305 to read as follows:

13-34 Sec. 502.305. "BE A BLOOD DONOR" LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 13-35 department shall issue specially designed "Be a Blood Donor"  
 13-36 license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

13-37 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
 13-38 consultation with the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center in Houston.

13-39 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 13-40 section to a person who:

13-41 (1) applies to the county tax assessor-collector of  
 13-42 the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 13-43 department; and

13-44 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30 in addition to the fee  
 13-45 prescribed by Section 502.161, and, if personalized prestige plates  
 13-46 are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.251.

13-47 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c), \$8 shall be  
 13-48 deposited to the credit of the state highway fund and used by the  
 13-49 department only to defray the cost of administering this section.  
 13-50 The department shall deposit the remainder of each fee collected to  
 13-51 the credit of the be a blood donor account under Section 162.016,  
 13-52 Health and Safety Code.

13-53 (e) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
 13-54 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
 13-55 shall return the special license plates to the department.

13-56 SECTION 26. Subchapter F, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 13-57 is amended by adding Section 502.310 to read as follows:

13-58 Sec. 502.310. TEXAS COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARDS. (a) The  
 13-59 department shall issue specially designed Texas County Child  
 13-60 Welfare Boards license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

13-61 (b) The department shall design the license plates in  
 13-62 consultation with the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards,  
 13-63 Incorporated.

13-64 (c) The department shall issue license plates under this  
 13-65 section to a person who:

13-66 (1) applies to the county tax assessor-collector of  
 13-67 the county in which the person resides on a form provided by the  
 13-68 department; and

13-69 (2) pays an annual fee of \$30, in addition to the fee

14-1 prescribed by Section 502.161 and, if personalized prestige license  
14-2 plates are issued, in addition to the fee prescribed by Section  
14-3 502.251.

14-4 (d) Of each fee collected under Subsection (c), the  
14-5 department shall:

14-6 (1) deposit \$22 to the credit of a special account for  
14-7 abused and neglected children established at the Texas Department  
14-8 of Protective and Regulatory Services; and

14-9 (2) use \$8 only to defray the cost of administering  
14-10 this section and shall deposit this amount to the credit of the  
14-11 state highway fund.

14-12 (e) Money deposited to the credit of the Department of  
14-13 Protective and Regulatory Services special account may be used only  
14-14 by that department to fund programs and services supporting abused  
14-15 and neglected children pursuant to Section 264.004, Family Code.

14-16 (f) If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section  
14-17 disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the owner  
14-18 shall return the special license plates to the department.

14-19 SECTION 27. Subchapter B, Chapter 7, Education Code, is  
14-20 amended by adding Section 7.026 to read as follows:

14-21 Sec. 7.026. AUSTIN MUSIC FOUNDATION ACCOUNT. (a) The  
14-22 Austin Music Foundation account is established as a separate  
14-23 account in the general revenue fund. The account is composed of  
14-24 money deposited to the credit of the account under Section  
14-25 502.2991, Transportation Code. Money in that account may be used  
14-26 only for the purposes of this section.

14-27 (b) The Music, Film, Television, and Multimedia Office in  
14-28 the governor's office shall administer the account. The agency may  
14-29 spend money credited to the account only to make grants to benefit  
14-30 the educational and community programs sponsored by the Austin  
14-31 Music Foundation and other Texas-based nonprofit members of the  
14-32 Austin Music Foundation's Affiliates Program. An administration  
14-33 fee of \$5 per plate shall be retained by the Music, Film,  
14-34 Television, and Multimedia Office for performance of  
14-35 administrative duties.

14-36 SECTION 28. Chapter 162, Health and Safety Code, is amended  
14-37 by adding Sections 162.016 and 162.017 to read as follows:

14-38 Sec. 162.016. BE A BLOOD DONOR ACCOUNT. (a) The be a blood  
14-39 donor account is a separate account in the general revenue fund.  
14-40 The account is composed of:

14-41 (1) money deposited to the credit of the account under  
14-42 Section 502.305, Transportation Code; and

14-43 (2) gifts, grants, donations, and legislative  
14-44 appropriations.

14-45 (b) The department administers the account and may spend  
14-46 money credited to the account only to:

14-47 (1) make grants to nonprofit blood centers in this  
14-48 state for programs to recruit and retain volunteer blood donors;  
14-49 and

14-50 (2) defray the cost of administering the account.

14-51 (c) The board:

14-52 (1) may accept gifts, grants, and donations from any  
14-53 source for the benefit of the account; and

14-54 (2) by rule shall establish guidelines for spending  
14-55 money credited to the account.

14-56 Sec. 162.017. BE A BLOOD DONOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE.  
14-57 (a) The commissioner shall appoint a five-member Be a Blood Donor  
14-58 Advisory Committee composed of:

14-59 (1) one volunteer blood donor who has given at least  
14-60 one gallon of blood in the two years preceding the appointment;

14-61 (2) two representatives from nonprofit blood centers;

14-62 (3) one person who has received a blood transfusion in  
14-63 the five years preceding the appointment; and

14-64 (4) one representative from the department.

14-65 (b) The commissioner shall designate one member as  
14-66 presiding officer of the committee.

14-67 (c) The committee shall:

14-68 (1) meet at least annually or as called by the  
14-69 commissioner;

15-1 (2) assist the board in establishing guidelines for  
15-2 the expenditure of money credited to the be a blood donor account;  
15-3 and

15-4 (3) review and make recommendations to the department  
15-5 on applications submitted to the department for grants funded with  
15-6 money credited to the be a blood donor account.

15-7 (d) Members of the committee serve without compensation and  
15-8 are not entitled to reimbursement for expenses. Members of the  
15-9 committee serve staggered four-year terms, with the terms of as  
15-10 near one-half as possible of the members expiring on January 31 of  
15-11 each even-numbered year.

15-12 SECTION 29. Subsection (f), Section 502.2951, and  
15-13 Subsection (d), Section 502.303, Transportation Code, are  
15-14 repealed.

15-15 SECTION 30. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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