

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of certain special license plates.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Section 504.3135, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.3135. OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM. The department shall issue without charge specialty license plates for persons who served in the United States armed forces and participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom [~~on or after November 8, 2002, or on or before May 1, 2003~~]. License plates issued under this section must include the words "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

(b) The change in law made by this section applies only to a registration period beginning on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 2. Section 504.608, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.608. MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING [~~TEXAS COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE~~] LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates that include the words "Mothers Against Drunk Driving [~~Boy Scouts of America~~]." The department shall design the license plates in consultation with Mothers Against Drunk Driving [~~the Boy Scouts of America~~].

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

1 shall be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund and may  
2 be appropriated only to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating  
3 Board in making grants to benefit [~~Commission on Alcohol and Drug~~  
4 ~~Abuse for~~] drug-abuse prevention and education programs sponsored  
5 by Mothers Against Drunk Driving [~~provided by nonprofit~~  
6 ~~organizations that primarily serve children~~].

7 [~~(c) In selecting a program provider under Subsection (b),~~  
8 ~~it is the intent of the legislature that, to the extent permissible,~~  
9 ~~preference be given to a provider whose membership substantially~~  
10 ~~consists of persons who purchase the specialty license plates.~~]

11 SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
12 is amended by adding Section 504.6545 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 504.6545. BOY SCOUT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
14 department shall issue specialty license plates that include the  
15 words "Boy Scouts of America." The department shall design the  
16 license plates in consultation with the Boy Scouts of America.

17 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
18 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
19 shall be deposited to the credit of the Boy Scout account in the  
20 general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by the  
21 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in making grants to  
22 benefit educational projects sponsored by Boy Scout councils in  
23 this state.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1480 was passed by the House on April 22, 2005, by a non-record vote; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1480 on May 24, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1480 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor