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H.B. No. 2427

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to water conservation specialty license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.657 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.657. WATER CONSERVATION LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates that bear the words "Water Conservation," "Conserve Water," or other words that clearly promote water conservation. The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Section American Water Works Association and the Texas Water Development Board.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of an account in the general revenue fund. Money in the account may be used only by the Texas Water Development Board as follows:

(1) one-third of the money in the account shall be used to support statewide water education programs, including the "Water I.Q., Know Your Water" program, in amounts determined by the Texas Water Development Board; and

(2) two-thirds of the money in the account may be used only to support the Texas Section American Water Works Association's scholarship program for students in this state.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.