

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to immediate family members of a person who dies while serving in the United States armed forces.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 504.408, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.408. GOLD STAR MOTHER, SPOUSE, OR FAMILY MEMBER [~~MOTHERS~~].

SECTION 2. Section 504.408, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The department shall issue a specialty license plate [~~plates~~] for the mother, surviving spouse, or immediate family member of a person who died while serving in the United States armed forces. License plates issued under this section must include the words "Gold Star Mother," "Gold Star Spouse," or "Gold Star Family" and a gold star. A person may not be issued more than one set of the license plates at a time.

(a-1) In this section "immediate family member" means the parent, child, or sibling of a person who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2398 was passed by the House on April 19, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2398 was passed by the Senate on May 21, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor