By: Delisi, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Wentworth) H.B. No. 2398 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 23, 2007; April 26, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations; May 18, 2007, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4 Nave 0. May 19, 2007 1-1 1-2 1-3 1-4 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 18, 2007, sent 1-5 1-6 to printer.)

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to immediate family members of a person who dies while serving in the United 1-9 1-10 1-11 States armed forces. 1-12

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].

1-17 SECTION 2. Section 504.408, Transportation Code, is amended 1-18 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as 1-19 follows:

1-20 1-21 (a) The department shall issue <u>a</u> specialty license <u>plate</u> [plates] for the mother, surviving spouse, or immediate family member of a person who died while serving in the United States armed 1-22 1-23 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 1-24 1-25 1-26 license plates at a time.

(a-1) In this section "immediate family member" means the 1-27 1-28 parent, child, or sibling of a person who died while serving in the 1-29

United States armed forces. SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-30 1-31 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-32 1-33 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-34 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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