

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Gold Star plates are issued to certain family members of persons who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

S.B. 896 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain family members of a person who dies while serving in the United States armed forces.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends the heading to Section 504.408, Transportation Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 504.408. GOLD STAR MOTHER, FATHER, SPOUSE, OR FAMILY MEMBER.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.408(a), Transportation Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue a specialty license plate for the mother, father, or surviving spouse, or an immediate family member of a person who died while serving in the United States armed forces. Requires that license plates issued under this section include the words "Gold Star Mother," "Gold Star Father," "Gold Star Spouse," or "Gold Star Family" and a gold star.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.