

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1678
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The legislature recently passed a law requiring the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for surviving spouses of disabled veterans of the United States military. H.B. 1678 seeks to establish a fee structure for this specialty license plate that allows the surviving spouse to pay the same fee as the one that accompanies the specialty license plate for disabled veterans.

H.B. 1678 amends Section 504.317 (Surviving Spouses of Disabled Veterans Specialty License Plates), Transportation Code, as added by Chapters 845 (H.B. 3580) and 1296 (H.B. 2357), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, to authorize a person entitled to specialty license plates for surviving spouses of disabled veterans to register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without payment of any fee other than the \$3 fee for the first set of license plates. The bill establishes that there is no fee for each additional set of license plates.

H.B. 1678 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for surviving spouses of disabled veterans of the United States armed forces, and authorizes a fee.

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 Section 504.317, Transportation Code, as added by Chapters 845 (H.B. 3580) and 1296 (H.B. 2357), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, by adding Subsections (c) and (d), as follows:

(c) Authorizes a person entitled to specialty license plates under this section to register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without payment of any fee other than the fee for the license plates under Subsection (d).

(d) Provides that the fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. Provides that there is no fee for each additional set of license plates.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.