

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2700
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2700 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates to raise awareness of childhood cancer and to design the license plates in consultation with an organization that seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancer in Texas. (Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.H.B. 2700 amends current law relating to the issuance of childhood cancer awareness license plates.

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 Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.655, as follows:

Sec. 504.655. CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates to raise awareness of childhood cancer and to design the license plates in consultation with an organization that seeks to raise awareness of childhood cancer in this state.

(b) Requires that the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, be deposited to the credit of an account created by the Texas comptroller of public accounts (comptroller) in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b) (relating to requiring that the portion of a certain fee be paid to the credit of a certain account created and managed by the comptroller). Authorizes money deposited to that account to be used by the General Land Office (GLO) only to provide grants to benefit organizations operating in this state that raise awareness of, conduct research on, or provide services for persons diagnosed with childhood cancer.

(c) Authorizes GLO and an organization that receives a grant under Subsection (b) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) establishing the respective duties of GLO and the organization in relation to carrying out the purposes of that subsection.

(d) Provides that Section 504.702 (Specialty License Plates Authorized After January 1, 1999) does not apply to a specialty license plate issued under this section.

SECTION 2. Provides that GLO and an organization that receives a grant under Section 504.655, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, are not required to adopt a new MOU under that section if a previous MOU adopted by GLO and the organization accomplishes the purposes of that section.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2017.