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H.B. No. 458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of peace officer specialty license plates;  
eliminating a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.511, Transportation Code, is transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 504.416, Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.416 [~~504.511~~]. PEACE OFFICERS [~~WOUNDED OR KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY~~]. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for peace officers [+

~~(1) a person wounded in the line of duty as a peace officer; or~~

~~(2) a surviving spouse, parent, brother, sister, or adult child, including an adopted child or stepchild, of a person killed in the line of duty as a peace officer].~~

(b) License plates issued under this section must include the words "To Protect and Serve" above an insignia depicting a yellow rose superimposed over the outline of a badge.

(c) [~~The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$20.~~

~~(d)~~ In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act regarding the issuance of license plates by the Texas Department of Motor

1 Vehicles applies only to the issuance of license plates by the  
2 department for a registration period beginning on or after the  
3 effective date of this Act. For a registration period that begins  
4 before the effective date of this Act, the department shall issue  
5 license plates as required by the law in effect immediately before  
6 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
7 effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.