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H.B. No. 2074

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to specialty license plates issued for peace officers wounded or killed in the line of duty and eliminating the fee for the issuance of those plates.

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 504.407, Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 504.407 [~~504.511~~]. PEACE OFFICERS WOUNDED OR KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for:

(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) The department shall design the license plates in a manner that is different from the form of the plate used before September 1, 2017 [~~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

1 assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

2 SECTION 2. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall
3 redesign the specialty license plates issued under Section 504.407,
4 Transportation Code, as transferred, redesignated, and amended by
5 this Act, not later than November 1, 2017.

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