

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

The F-35 fighter jet is an iconic military aircraft that is often heard in the air space around Fort Worth. Being that Texas is known for its recognition and appreciation of the military and veterans, it is appropriate for the state to offer a specialty license plate recognizing the achievements of the F-35 project, developed right here in Texas.

S.B. 240 directs the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to create and offer a license plate including an image of the F-35 fighter jet and the motto "The Sound of Freedom," which is a phrase often used in the military and North Texas communities.

As proposed, S.B. 240 amends current law relating to the issuance of F-35 fighter jet specialty 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 504.671, as follows:

Sec. 504.671. F-35 FIGHTER JET LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the image of an F-35 fighter jet and the words "The Sound of Freedom."

(b) Requires that, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.