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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3221:
By: Landgraf C.S.H.B. No. 3221

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT
relating to the issuance of certain specialty license plates; authorizing fees.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Section 503.061(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a) Instead of registering under Chapter 502 a vehicle that the dealer owns, operates, or permits to be operated on a public street or highway, the dealer may apply for, receive, and attach metal dealer's license plates, including dealer specialty license plate designs issued under Section 504.517, to the vehicle if it is the type of vehicle:
(1) that the dealer sells; and
(2) for which the dealer has been issued a general distinguishing number.

SECTION 2. Section 503.0615, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (g) to read as follows:
(g) In this section, "personalized prestige dealer's license plate" includes a dealer specialty license plate design issued under section 504.517.

SECTION 3. Section 504.401, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:
(e) Specialty license plates issued to a state official under this section include specialty license plates issued under

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Subchapter J.
    SECTION 4. Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
is amended by adding Section 504.517 to read as follows:
    Sec. 504.517. DEALER SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The
department shall issue specialty:
    (1) metal dealer's license plates for use in
accordance with Section 503.061; and
    (2) personalized prestige dealer's plates for use in
accordance with Section 503.0615.
    (b) The department shall issue not more than three specialty
license plate designs under this section. License plates issued
under this section must include the word "Dealer" at the bottom of
each plate.
(c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$30. In addition to the fee under this subsection, personalized prestige dealer's plates are subject to the fee under Section 503.0615(c).
SECTION 5. Section 504.851(a-1), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:
(a-1) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, the [The] department may not issue specialty, personalized, or souvenir license plates with background colors other than white, unless the plates are marketed and sold by the private vendor. The department may issue dealer specialty license plates under Section 504.517 with background colors other than white.
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SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

