By:  Buckley, Guillen, Lopez, H.B. No. 2496

     Morales of Maverick

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for certain volunteer firefighters, fire protection personnel, and industrial firefighters.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 504.513, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a)  The department shall issue specialty license plates for:

(1)  current or retired volunteer firefighters certified by:

(A)  the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or

(B)  the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas; [~~and~~]

(2)  current or retired fire protection personnel as that term is defined by Section 419.021, Government Code; and

(3)  current or retired industrial firefighters certified by the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas.

(c)  After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of an account created by the comptroller in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b). Money deposited to that account may be used only by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to make grants to an organization of professional firefighters located in this state that provides emergency relief and scholarship funds to professional firefighters and their dependents.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.