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H.B. No. 2367

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of license plates equipped with integrated circuit technology.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.002(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless expressly provided by this chapter or by department rule:

(1) except for license plates specified as exempt, the fee for issuance of a license plate, including replacement plates, is in addition to each other fee that is paid for at the time of the registration of the motor vehicle and shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles fund;

(2) if the registration period is greater than 12 months, the expiration date of a specialty license plate, symbol, tab, or other device shall be aligned with the registration period, and the specialty plate fee shall be adjusted pro rata, except that if the statutory annual fee for a specialty license plate is \$5 or less, it may not be prorated;

(3) the department is the exclusive owner of the design of each license plate;

(4) if a license plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, an application for a replacement plate must be accompanied by the fee prescribed by Section 502.060; ~~and~~

1           (5) the department shall prepare the designs and  
2 specifications of license plates; and

3           (6) the department shall allow a vehicle registered  
4 under Chapter 502 to be equipped with a license plate that uses  
5 integrated circuit technology.

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