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S.B. No. 496

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for classroom teachers and retired classroom teachers; imposing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Sections 504.517 and 504.518 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.517. CLASSROOM TEACHERS. (a) In this section, "classroom teacher" has the meaning assigned by Section 5.001, Education Code.

(b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for classroom teachers with at least 15 years of service teaching public school students. The license plates must include the words "Texas Teacher" and depict a Texas public education logo. The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Education Agency.

(c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

Sec. 504.518. RETIRED CLASSROOM TEACHERS. (a) In this section, "retired classroom teacher" means a person who:

(1) was formerly employed as a classroom teacher, as that term is defined by Section 5.001, Education Code; and

(2) is a retiree of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

(b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for

1 retired classroom teachers with at least 20 years of service
2 teaching public school students. The license plates must include
3 the words "Retired Texas Teacher" and depict a Texas public
4 education logo. The department shall design the license plates in
5 consultation with the Texas Education Agency.

6 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$5.

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