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S.B. No. 943

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the use of certain license plates utilizing integrated
3 circuit technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (5) the department shall prepare the designs and
24 specifications of license plates; ~~and~~ and

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

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