

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Austin, Texas

MAY 30, 2009

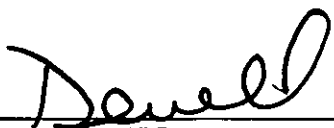
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President of the Senate

Honorable Joe Straus
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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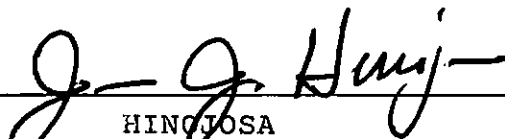
We, Your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives on HB 2854 have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back with the recommendation that it do pass in the form and text hereto attached.



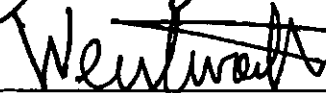
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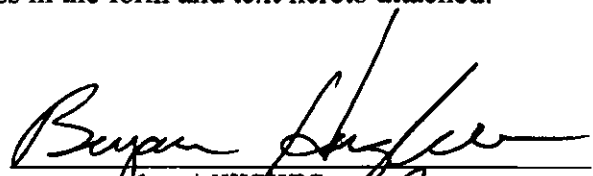
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On the part of the Senate
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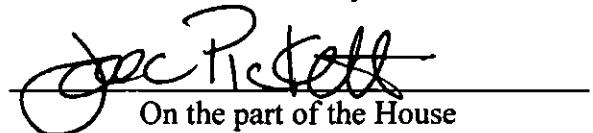


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On the part of the House
PICKETT

Note to Conference Committee Clerk:

Please type the names of the members of the Conference Committee under the lines provided for signature. Those members desiring to sign the report should sign each of the six copies. Attach a copy of the Conference Committee Report and a Section by Section side by side comparison to each of the six reporting forms. The original and two copies are filed in house of origin of the bill, and three copies in the other house.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

3rd Printing

H.B. No. 2854

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to license plates created by the Texas Department of
3 Transportation for professional firefighters.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 504.414 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 504.414. PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER PLATES. (a) The
8 professional firefighter plate may be issued to qualified
9 firefighters. The sponsor of the plate may nominate a state agency
10 for receipt of funds under Section 504.801(e)(2)(A).

11 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative
12 costs in accordance with Section 504.801, the remainder of the fees
13 from the sale of professional firefighter plates shall be deposited
14 to the credit of an account in the state treasury to be used by the
15 nominated state agency for the purpose of making grants to support
16 the activities of an organization of professional firefighters
17 located in this state that provides emergency relief and college
18 scholarship funds to the professional firefighters and their
19 dependents.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

House Bill 2854
Conference Committee Report
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.414, PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER PLATES.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

No equivalent provision.

SENATE VERSION

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

SECTION ___. Section 504.003, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) relating to the fee for a souvenir license plate.

SECTION ___. Section 504.102, Transportation Code, relating to personalization of specialty license plates, is amended.

SECTION ___. Section 504.601, Transportation Code, relating to general provisions applicable to certain specialty license plates, is amended.

SECTION ___. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.6011 relating to general provisions applicable to certain specialty license plates.

SECTION ___. Section 504.801, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (d), (e), and (f) and adding Subsection (d-1) relating to the fee for issuance of license plates.

SECTION ___. Subchapter I, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section

CONFERENCE

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

Same as House version.

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	504.802 relating to marketing and sale by private vendor of specialty license plates created before September 1, 2009.	
No equivalent provision.	SECTION __. Section 504.851, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (j) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (c-1) relating to a contract with a private vendor.	Same as House version.
No equivalent provision.	SECTION __. Subchapter J, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.853, PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES ISSUED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2009, and Section 504.854, AUCTION.	Same as House version.
No equivalent provision.	SECTION __. Repealer.	Same as House version.
No equivalent provision.	SECTION __. Provides that the changes in law made by this Act do not require the rebidding of a contract that is in effect on the effective date of this Act.	Same as House version.
SECTION 2. Effective date.	SECTION 2. Same as House version.	SECTION 2. Same as House version.

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 30, 2009

**TO: Honorable David Dewhurst , Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives**

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2854 by Hughes (Relating to license plates created by the Texas Department of Transportation for professional firefighters.), Conference Committee Report

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2854, Conference Committee Report: a positive impact of \$19,717 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011, if the effective date of the bill is July 1, 2009; or a positive impact of \$18,200 through the biennium ending August 31, 2011, if the effective date of the bill is September 1, 2009.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

All Funds, Six-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from State Highway Fund 6	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1
2009	(\$1,517)	\$1,517
2010	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2011	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2012	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2013	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
2014	(\$9,100)	\$9,100

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from State Highway Fund 6	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue Fund 1
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2012	(\$9,100)	\$9,100
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Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to allow the sponsor of a specialty license plate for professional firefighters to nominate a state agency for receipt of funds from the specialty plate fees. The bill would specify that the fees, after deduction of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) administrative expenses, are to be deposited to the credit of an account in the state treasury to be used by the nominated state agency for making grants to support activities of a professional firefighters organization that meets the requirements specified by the bill.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a vote of two-thirds of all members elected to each house or otherwise on September 1, 2009.

Methodology

TxDOT indicates that fees from the Professional Firefighters specialty license plates are currently deposited to the State Highway Fund. Based on the information and analysis provided by TxDOT and the Comptroller's office, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would result in the transfer of \$9,100 from the State Highway Fund to the General Revenue Fund. If the bill receives the requisite vote to take immediate effect, it is assumed the transfer of the specialty plate revenues would begin on July 1, 2009 (fiscal year 2009). Otherwise, the transfer of fee revenues would begin in fiscal year 2010.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.


Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

LBB Staff: JOB, KJG, MW, TG

Certification of Compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure

Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, requires that a copy of a conference committee report signed by a majority of each committee of the conference must be furnished to each member of the committee in person or if unable to deliver in person by placing a copy in the member's newspaper mailbox at least one hour before the report is furnished to each member of the house under Section 10(a) of this rule. The paper copies of the report submitted to the chief clerk under Section 10(b) of this rule must contain a certificate that the requirement of this subsection has been satisfied, and that certificate must be attached to the printed copy of the report furnished to each member under Section 10(d) of this rule. Failure to comply with this subsection is not a sustainable point of order under this rule.

I certify that a copy of the conference committee report on H. B. 2854 was furnished to each member of the conference committee in compliance with Rule 13, Section 6(b), House Rules of Procedure, before submission of the paper copies of the report to the chief clerk under Section 10(b), Rule 13, House Rules of Procedure.



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MAY 30, 2009
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