

CHAPTER 471

H.B. No. 641

AN ACT

relating to issuance of prisoner of war license plates.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Sections 5g(a), (b), and (f), Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-5g, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(a) Any person, other than a person discharged from the armed forces under conditions less than honorable, who was captured and incarcerated by an enemy of the United States during a period of conflict with the United States; *or the surviving spouse of that person, as long as the surviving spouse remains unmarried*, is entitled to register under this Section, for the person's own use, one (1) passenger car or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one (1) ton or less, without payment of the annual registration fee for the vehicle.

(b) The Department shall design and provide for the issuance of special license plates for persons entitled to register under this Section. The license plates shall be designed to indicate that the recipient is, *or the recipient's deceased spouse was*, a former prisoner of war.

(f) ~~[The surviving spouse of a deceased person who was issued license plates under this Section is entitled to continue to register one (1) motor vehicle under this Section for as long as the spouse remains unmarried.]~~ When a surviving [the] spouse applies to renew a registration under this Section, the County Tax Collector shall require the spouse to make a sworn statement that the spouse is unmarried.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 7, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 9, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.