

CHAPTER 567

S.B. No. 1355

AN ACT

relating to special license plates for members of certain nonprofit organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 88, General Laws, Acts of the 41st Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 1929 (Article 6675a-1 et seq., Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), is amended by adding Section 5p to read as follows:

Sec. 5p. (a) This section applies only to a private nonprofit organization having a statewide membership of Seven Thousand, Five Hundred (7,500) or more individuals, which has provided the department with a deposit of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) in order to request issuance of the special license plate to be designed. The deposit will be credited toward the first 750 plates purchased and the names of those who receive the credit, along with their address and county, shall be provided to the department with the deposit.

(b) On request of an authorized representative of the governing body in the state of an organization to which this section applies, the department shall design and provide for the issuance of special license plates to members of the organization. The department shall develop the design of the license plate after consultation with that governing body.

(c) A person who is a member of an organization for which the department has provided a special license plate under this section is entitled to register under this section, for the

person's personal use, one passenger car or light commercial vehicle having a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less.

(d) A person applying for license plates under this section may:

(1) have a license plate number assigned by the department; or

(2) apply for personalized prestige license plates under Section 5c of this Act.

(e) The fee for issuance of special license plates under this section is Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) a year. This fee is in addition to the motor vehicle registration fee imposed by Section 5 of this Act and, if personalized prestige license plates are issued, in addition to the fee imposed by Section 5c of this Act. The county tax collector shall forward the additional fee to the department.

(f) A person may apply at any time for registration under this section through the county tax collector in the county of the person's residence. The department shall prescribe the form of the application. An applicant shall submit to the county tax collector proof of eligibility to register under this section that meets standards prescribed by the department. Registration under this section is valid for one year.

(g) If license plates issued under this section are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle for which the plates were issued may obtain replacement plates from the department. The owner shall pay a fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) in addition to the fee required for replacement plates. If the owner of a vehicle registered under this section disposes of the vehicle during the registration year, the person shall return the special license plates to the department.

(h) The department shall deposit the additional fees paid under Subsections (e) and (g) of this section in the state treasury to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the Senate on May 7, 1993, by a viva-voce vote; passed the House on May 26, 1993, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 11, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.