

CHAPTER 172

S.B. No. 1249

AN ACT

relating to a symbol to be attached to vehicles driven by hearing impaired persons.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Human Resources Code, as amended, is amended by adding Section 81.017 to read as follows:

*Sec. 81.017. SYMBOLS FOR HEARING IMPAIRED PERSONS. (a) The commission shall design and provide for the issuance of a symbol or other device that may be attached to a motor vehicle regularly operated by a hearing impaired person.*

*(b) A hearing impaired person may apply to the commission for the symbol or other device. The commission may require acceptable medical proof that a person is hearing impaired and may set a fee, not to exceed \$2 for each device, to defray the costs of administering this section.*

*(c) The commission may contract with a state or local agency for the distribution of the symbol or other device.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

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 April 30, 1987, by a viva-voce vote. Passed the House on May 15, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved May 25, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.