

1-1 By: Harris of Anderson, Gamez H.B. No. 628  
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Nichols)  
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2023;  
 1-4 May 2, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on  
 1-5 Transportation; May 11, 2023, reported favorably by the following  
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 11, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Alvarado	X			
1-11 Eckhardt			X	
1-12 Hancock	X			
1-13 King	X			
1-14 Miles	X			
1-15 Parker	X			
1-16 Perry	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to issuance of specialty license plates to honor fallen  
 1-21 law enforcement officers.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
 1-24 is amended by adding Section 504.680 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 504.680. FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER LICENSE  
 1-26 PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates to  
 1-27 honor law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. The  
 1-28 license plates must include:

- 1-29 (1) the words "A Hero Remembered Never Dies";
- 1-30 (2) the words "Honoring Law Enforcement"; and
- 1-31 (3) a depiction of a badge covered by a black mourning  
 1-32 band.

1-33 (b) After deduction of the department's administrative  
 1-34 costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates  
 1-35 shall be deposited to the credit of an account created by the  
 1-36 comptroller in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b). Money  
 1-37 deposited to that account may be used only by the Employees  
 1-38 Retirement System of Texas to provide financial assistance to  
 1-39 surviving family members of peace officers killed in the line of  
 1-40 duty under Chapter 615, Government Code.

1-41 (c) Section 504.702 does not apply to a specialty license  
 1-42 plate issued under this section.

1-43 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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