

1-1 By: King S.B. No. 2001  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2025; March 17, 2025, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;  
1-4 April 22, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 22, 2025,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 West	X			
1-10 Bettencourt	X			
1-11 Hagenbuch	X			
1-12 Hinojosa of Hidalgo	X			
1-13 Johnson	X			
1-14 King	X			
1-15 Miles	X			
1-16 Perry			X	
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2001 By: King

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the registration of vehicles, the issuance of disabled  
1-22 parking placards, and certain benefits associated with that  
1-23 registration or issuance for certain peace officers with  
1-24 disabilities; authorizing a fee.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 372.053, Transportation  
1-27 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 372.053. PEACE OFFICER AND VETERAN DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

1-29 SECTION 2. Section 372.053(a-1), Transportation Code, is  
1-30 amended to read as follows:

1-31 (a-1) A program established under Subsection (a) must  
1-32 include free or discounted use of the entity's toll project by an  
1-33 electronic toll collection customer whose account relates to a  
1-34 vehicle registered under Section 504.202, 504.2025, or 504.315(f)  
1-35 or (g).

1-36 SECTION 3. Section 502.410(b), Transportation Code, as  
1-37 effective July 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:

1-38 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to a statement or  
1-39 application filed or given under Section 502.060, 502.093, 502.094,  
1-40 502.095, 504.201, 504.202(b-1), 504.2025(d), 504.508, or 504.515.

1-41 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
1-42 is amended by adding Section 504.2025 to read as follows:

1-43 Sec. 504.2025. PEACE OFFICERS WITH DISABILITIES. (a) In  
1-44 this section, "peace officer" means an individual described by  
1-45 Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure.

1-46 (b) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
1-47 section may register, for the person's own use, one vehicle without  
1-48 payment of any fee paid for or at the time of registration except  
1-49 the fee for the license plates. Registration under this section is  
1-50 valid for one year.

1-51 (c) A peace officer is entitled to register, for the  
1-52 person's own use, motor vehicles under this section if:

1-53 (1) the person is disabled as a result of an injury  
1-54 suffered during the course and scope of the person's employment as a  
1-55 peace officer; and

1-56 (2) the motor vehicle:

1-57 (A) is owned by the person; and

1-58 (B) has a gross vehicle weight of 18,000 pounds  
1-59 or less or is a motor home.

1-60 (d) A person described by Subsection (c) who is eligible to

2-1 receive license plates under Section 504.201 may elect to receive  
 2-2 license plates under this section that include the symbol described  
 2-3 by Section 504.201(f). The initial application for license plates  
 2-4 under this subsection must be accompanied by:

2-5 (1) the written statement required by Section  
 2-6 504.201(d) certifying that the applicant has a mobility problem  
 2-7 that substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate;

2-8 (2) a written statement completed by the chief law  
 2-9 enforcement officer of the law enforcement agency that employed the  
 2-10 person, certifying that the person is disabled as a result of an  
 2-11 injury suffered during the course and scope of the person's  
 2-12 employment as a peace officer; and

2-13 (3) any other information required for an application  
 2-14 under this section.

2-15 (e) Other than license plates issued under Subsection (h),  
 2-16 license plates issued under this section must include:

2-17 (1) the letters "DPO" on the plate if the plate is  
 2-18 issued for a vehicle other than a motorcycle; and

2-19 (2) the words "Disabled Peace Officer" at the bottom  
 2-20 of each license plate.

2-21 (f) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. There  
 2-22 is no fee for each additional set of license plates.

2-23 (g) A person who receives license plates under Subsection  
 2-24 (d) may receive a disabled parking placard under Section 681.004  
 2-25 for each set of license plates.

2-26 (h) A person entitled to license plates under this section  
 2-27 may elect to receive license plates issued under Chapter 502 under  
 2-28 the same conditions for the issuance of license plates under this  
 2-29 section.

2-30 (i) A license plate with the letters "DPO" may be  
 2-31 personalized with up to four characters.

2-32 (j) A person entitled to license plates under this section  
 2-33 may instead use, for a vehicle that meets the requirements of  
 2-34 Section 504.501 or 504.502, disabled peace officer license plates  
 2-35 issued by this state that:

2-36 (1) are embossed with an alphanumeric pattern;  
 2-37 (2) are of a plate design that was issued in the same  
 2-38 year as the model year of the vehicle;

2-39 (3) are approved for use by the department; and  
 2-40 (4) include the symbol described by Section  
 2-41 504.201(f), if the person satisfies the requirements for the  
 2-42 issuance of license plates under Subsection (d) and elects to  
 2-43 include the symbol on the plates.

2-44 (k) A reference in law to license plates issued under  
 2-45 Subsection (d) includes disabled peace officer license plates  
 2-46 described by Subsection (j)(4).

2-47 SECTION 5. Section 681.004(a), Transportation Code, is  
 2-48 amended to read as follows:

2-49 (a) A person with a permanent disability may receive:  
 2-50 (1) two disabled parking placards, if the person does  
 2-51 not receive a set of special license plates under Section 504.201;  
 2-52 (2) one disabled parking placard, if the person  
 2-53 receives a set of special license plates under Section 504.201; or  
 2-54 (3) two disabled parking placards, if the person  
 2-55 receives two sets of special license plates under Section  
 2-56 504.202(b-1) or 504.2025(d).

2-57 SECTION 6. The heading to Section 681.008, Transportation  
 2-58 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-59 Sec. 681.008. PARKING PRIVILEGES: CERTAIN PEACE OFFICERS,  
 2-60 VETERANS, AND MILITARY AWARD RECIPIENTS.

2-61 SECTION 7. Sections 681.008(a) and (b), Transportation  
 2-62 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-63 (a) A vehicle may be parked for an unlimited period in a  
 2-64 parking space or area that is designated specifically for persons  
 2-65 with physical disabilities if:

2-66 (1) the vehicle:  
 2-67 (A) displays special license plates issued under  
 2-68 Section 504.202(b-1) or 504.2025(d); and  
 2-69 (B) is being operated by or for the

3-1 transportation of the person to whom the plates were issued; or  
 3-2 (2) the vehicle displays license plates issued by  
 3-3 another state of the United States that indicate on the face of the  
 3-4 license plates that the owner or operator of the vehicle is a  
 3-5 disabled veteran of the United States armed forces.

3-6 (b) A vehicle on which license plates described by  
 3-7 Subsection (a)(2) or issued under Section 504.202, 504.2025,  
 3-8 504.308, 504.310, 504.315, 504.316, or 504.319 are displayed is  
 3-9 exempt from the payment of a parking fee collected through a parking  
 3-10 meter charged by a governmental authority other than a branch of the  
 3-11 federal government, when being operated by or for the  
 3-12 transportation of:

3-13 (1) the person who registered the vehicle under  
 3-14 Section 504.202(a), 504.2025(b), 504.308, 504.310, 504.315,  
 3-15 504.316, or 504.319;

3-16 (2) a person described in Section 504.202(b) or  
 3-17 504.2025(c) if the vehicle is registered under that subsection; or  
 3-18 (3) the owner or operator of a vehicle displaying  
 3-19 license plates described by Subsection (a)(2).

3-20 SECTION 8. Section 681.009(e), Transportation Code, is  
 3-21 amended to read as follows:

3-22 (e) Parking spaces or areas designated for the exclusive use  
 3-23 of vehicles transporting persons with disabilities may be used by  
 3-24 vehicles displaying a white on blue shield disabled parking  
 3-25 placard, license plates issued under Section 504.201, ~~[or]~~  
 3-26 504.202(b-1), or 504.2025(d), or a white on red shield disabled  
 3-27 parking placard.

3-28 SECTION 9. Sections 681.011(a), (b), (1), and (m),  
 3-29 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-30 (a) A person commits an offense if:

3-31 (1) the person stands a vehicle on which are displayed  
 3-32 license plates issued under Section 504.201, ~~[or]~~ 504.202(b-1), or  
 3-33 504.2025(d) or a disabled parking placard in a parking space or area  
 3-34 designated specifically for persons with disabilities by:

3-35 (A) a political subdivision; or

3-36 (B) a person who owns or controls private  
 3-37 property used for parking as to which a political subdivision has  
 3-38 provided for the application of this section under Subsection (f);  
 3-39 and

3-40 (2) the standing of the vehicle in that parking space  
 3-41 or area is not authorized by Section 681.006, 681.007, or 681.008.

3-42 (b) A person commits an offense if the person stands a  
 3-43 vehicle on which license plates issued under Section 504.201, ~~[or]~~  
 3-44 504.202(b-1), or 504.2025(d) are not displayed and a disabled  
 3-45 parking placard is not displayed in a parking space or area  
 3-46 designated specifically for individuals with disabilities by:

3-47 (1) a political subdivision; or

3-48 (2) a person who owns or controls private property  
 3-49 used for parking as to which a political subdivision has provided  
 3-50 for the application of this section under Subsection (f).

3-51 (1) A person commits an offense if the person:

3-52 (1) stands a vehicle on which are displayed license  
 3-53 plates issued under Section 504.201, ~~[or]~~ 504.202(b-1), or  
 3-54 504.2025(d) or a disabled parking placard in a parking space or area  
 3-55 for which this chapter creates an exemption from payment of a fee or  
 3-56 penalty imposed by a governmental unit;

3-57 (2) does not have a disability;

3-58 (3) is not transporting a person with disability; and  
 3-59 (4) does not pay any applicable fee related to  
 3-60 standing in the space or area imposed by a governmental unit or  
 3-61 exceeds a limitation on the length of time for standing in the space  
 3-62 or area.

3-63 (m) Subsections (n) and (o) apply only to a person who  
 3-64 commits an offense under Subsection (b) when the vehicle:

3-65 (1) displays special license plates issued under:

3-66 (A) Section 504.202 other than special license  
 3-67 plates issued under Section 504.202(b-1); or  
 3-68 (B) Section 504.2025 other than a special license  
 3-69 plate issued under Section 504.2025(d); and

4-1 (2) does not display a disabled parking placard.  
4-2 SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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