

(c) This section does not apply to:

(1) ~~the holder of a hardship license;~~

~~[(2)]~~ a person operating a motor vehicle while accompanied in the manner required by Section 521.222(d)(2) for the holder of an instruction permit; or

~~(2) [(3)]~~ a person licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to operate a wireless communication device or a radio frequency device.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on April 25, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 20, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1102

H.B. No. 3677

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of Foundation School Program license plates.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.663 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.663. FOUNDATION SCHOOL PROGRAM LICENSE PLATES. (a) The department shall issue specially designed license plates to benefit the Foundation School Program. The department shall design the license plates in consultation with the Texas Education Agency.

(b) After deduction of the department's administrative costs, the department shall deposit the remainder of the fee for issuance of license plates under this section to the credit of the foundation school fund.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 2, 2013: Yeas 146, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 22, 2013: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 1103

H.B. No. 3714

AN ACT

relating to the creation of the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 481, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 481.00681 to read as follows:

Sec. 481.00681. OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ADVISORY TASK FORCE. (a) In this section:

(1) "Small business" means a business that employs at least 25 but not more than 250 individuals.

(2) "Task force" means the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force.

- (b) *The Office of Small Business Assistance shall establish the task force.*
- (c) *The task force is composed of seven members appointed as follows:*
 - (1) *three members appointed by the governor;*
 - (2) *two members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; and*
 - (3) *two members appointed by the lieutenant governor.*
- (d) *A task force member serves a two-year term. A task force member may be reappointed for additional terms.*
- (e) *Task force members serve without compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.*
- (f) *The task force shall meet as often as necessary but shall meet at least once a year.*
- (g) *The task force shall:*
 - (1) *advise and assist the Office of Small Business Assistance with its duties under Section 481.0068(b) to the extent that they relate to small businesses;*
 - (2) *advise and assist the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives with issues that relate to small businesses; and*
 - (3) *provide information in plain language to the public on issues related to small businesses, including:*
 - (A) *environmental permitting and compliance;*
 - (B) *local regulations;*
 - (C) *construction permitting;*
 - (D) *the duties of the comptroller to the extent that the duties relate to small businesses; and*
 - (E) *the formation of business entities.*
- (h) *Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the task force shall submit to the legislature a report that:*
 - (1) *describes issues related to small businesses; and*
 - (2) *proposes legislation to assist small businesses.*

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint the members of the Office of Small Business Assistance Advisory Task Force as required by Section 481.00681, Government Code, as added by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

Passed by the House on May 8, 2013: Yeas 133, Nays 14, 2 present, not voting; the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3714 on May 23, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting; passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013: Yeas 27, Nays 4.

Approved June 14, 2013.

Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 1104

H.B. No. 3739

AN ACT

relating to the continued employment of municipal employees who become candidates for public office.

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