CHAPTER 941

H.B. No. 1678

AN ACT
relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for surviving spouses of disabled veterans of the United States armed forces; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Section 504.317, Transportation Code, as added by Chapters 845 (H.B. 3580) and 1296 (H.B. 2357), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is amended by adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

(c) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this section may register, for the person’s own use, one vehicle without payment of any fee other than the fee for the license plates under Subsection (d).

(d) The fee for the first set of license plates is $3. There is no fee for each additional set of license plates.

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 942

H.B. No. 1712

AN ACT
relating to an exemption from ad valorem and sales and use taxes for property used in connection with an offshore spill response containment system.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.271, Tax Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.271. OFFSHORE DRILLING EQUIPMENT NOT IN USE. (a) In this section:

(1) “Environmental protection agency of the United States” includes:

(A) the United States Department of the Interior and any agency, bureau, or other entity established in that department, including the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement; and

(B) any other department, agency, bureau, or entity of the United States that prescribes rules or regulations described by Subdivision (2)(A).

(2) “Offshore spill response containment system” means a marine or mobile containment system that:

(A) is designed and used or intended to be used solely to implement a response plan that meets or exceeds rules or regulations adopted by any environmental protection agency of the United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state for the control, reduction, or monitoring of air, water, or land pollution in the event of a blowout or loss of control of an offshore well drilled or used for the exploration for or production of oil or gas;

(B) has a design capability to respond to a blowout or loss of control of an offshore well drilled or used for the exploration for or production of oil or gas that is drilled in more than 5,000 feet of water;