CHAPTER 807

S.B. No. 1708
AN ACT
relating to the acquisition of certain real property in El Paso County for the construction of facilities for
the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 2166, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 2166.554 to read as follows:

Sec. 2166.554. LEASE OF FEDERAL PROPERTY FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) The Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas may enter into a long-term lease of a portion of federal real property known as Fort Bliss.

(b) A lease entered into under Subsection (a):

(1) is for the use and benefit of this state; and

(2) may be for a period or term until the real property is donated to the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

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

Passed the Senate on April 16, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 134, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved June 14, 2013.
Effective September 1, 2013.

CHAPTER 808

S.B. No. 1756
AN ACT
relating to the expedited processing of certain applications for permits under the Clean Air Act; authorizing a surcharge.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 382, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 382.05155 to read as follows:

Sec. 382.05155. EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF APPLICATION. (a) An applicant, in a manner prescribed by the commission, may request the expedited processing of an application filed under this chapter if the applicant demonstrates that the purpose of the application will benefit the economy of this state or an area of this state.

(b) The executive director may grant an expedited processing request if the executive director determines that granting the request will benefit the economy of this state or an area of this state.

(c) The expediting of an application under this section does not affect a contested case hearing or applicable federal, state, and regulatory requirements, including the notice, opportunity for a public hearing, and submission of public comment required under this chapter.

(d) The commission by rule may add a surcharge to an application fee assessed under this chapter for an expedited application in an amount sufficient to cover the expenses incurred by the expediting, including overtime, contract labor, and other costs.

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(e) The commission may authorize the use of overtime or contract labor to process expedited applications. The overtime or contract labor authorized under this section is not included in the calculation of the number of full-time equivalent commission employees allotted under other law.

(f) The commission may pay for compensatory time, overtime, or contract labor used to implement this section.

(g) A rule adopted under this section must be consistent with Chapter 2001, Government Code. A rule adopted under this section regarding notice must include a provision to require an indication that the application is being processed in an expedited manner.

SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Act, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 382.05155, Health and Safety 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 the Senate on April 22, 2013: Yeas 29, Nays 2; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 20, 2013: Yeas 30, Nays 1; passed the House, with amendment, on May 17, 2013: Yeas 137, Nays 3, three present not voting.

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Effective June 14, 2013.

CHAPTER 809

S.B. No. 1757

AN ACT

relating to the manufacture, sale, distribution, purchase, or possession of a license plate flipper; creating an offense.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter L, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 504.946 to read as follows:

Sec. 504.946. LICENSE PLATE FLIPPER; OFFENSE. (a) In this section, "license plate flipper" means a manual, electronic, or mechanical device designed or adapted to be installed on a motor vehicle and:

(1) switch between two or more license plates for the purpose of allowing a motor vehicle operator to change the license plate displayed on the operator's vehicle; or

(2) hide a license plate from view by flipping the license plate so that the license plate number is not visible.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person with criminal negligence purchases or possesses a license plate flipper. An offense under this subsection is a Class B misdemeanor.

(c) A person commits an offense if the person with criminal negligence manufactures, sells, offers to sell, or otherwise distributes a license plate flipper. An offense under this subsection is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. 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 the Senate on April 25, 2013: Yeas 28, Nays 0; passed the House on May 17, 2013: Yeas 132, Nays 2, two present not voting.

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