

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 1044  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Since 2002, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has issued specialty license plates relating to the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA). In the 78th Legislature, language was added to statute to dedicate revenue remaining after the deduction of TxDOT's administrative costs to The Texas A&M University (A&M) System to supplement scholarship programs supported by TSRA and to provide grants to 4-H shooting sports programs to promote safety education.

However, TSRA has had difficulty accessing the fund to collect monies from sold license plates since the inception of the plate. After deliberation between TSRA and the comptroller of public accounts, a single payment was made from the fund in 2005, with the entirety of the payment going toward TSRA's scholarship program for the A&M system, rather than to both programs as intended by TSRA. Change to statutory law is necessary in order to accurately reflect the intentions of TSRA.

C.S.S.B. 1044 requires the net revenue from the TSRA license plate program to be appropriated only to the Texas Cooperative Extension of the A&M system. The bill also provides that 50 percent of the net revenue from the TSRA license plate program is to be used to support scholarship programs for the A&M system, and the other 50 percent is to be used to support the 4-H Shooting Sports Program for youth.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 504.631(b), Transportation Code, as follows:

(b) Requires the remainder of the fee for the Texas State Rifle Association (TSRA) specialty license plate, after deduction of the Texas Department of Transportation's administrative costs, to be deposited to the credit of an account in the general revenue fund that is authorized to be appropriated only to the Texas Cooperative Extension of The Texas A&M University System, 50 percent of which is to supplement existing and future scholarship programs supported by TSRA and 50 percent to support the 4-H Shooting Sports Program for youth. Deletes existing text providing grants to the 4-H Club shooting sports programs to promote safety education.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2007.