

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 1256
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 1256 creates a specialty license plate honoring the public service of Texas peace officers and provides funding for the peace officer memorial.

H.B. 1256 allocates proceeds raised by the specialty license plate for the maintenance of the Texas Peace Officers Memorial Monument by the State Preservation Board.

H.B. 1256 amends current law relating to the issuance of Blessed are the Peacemakers specialty license plates.

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 Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.668, as follows:

Sec. 504.668. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the image of the United States flag printed in black and white with a blue stripe crossing beneath the field of stars and the words "Blessed are the Peacemakers" at the bottom of each plate.

(b) Requires that the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, be deposited to the credit of an account created by the Texas comptroller of public accounts (comptroller) in the manner provided by Section 504.6012(b) (relating to requiring certain amounts to be deposited to a dedicated account and the comptroller to administer the accounts). Authorizes money deposited to that account to be used only by the State Preservation Board to maintain the Texas Peace Officers' Memorial Monument under Section 3105.004 (Maintenance of Monument), Government Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2017.