

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law does not provide an institution or facility that transports people with disabilities a special license plate or parking placard. This bill would allow certain institutions or facilities that transport people with disabilities to apply for a specialty license plate or disabled parking placard.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 21 issues specialty license plates or disabled parking placards to certain institutions and facilities that transport persons with disabilities.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Chapter 502F, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.2531, as follows:

Sec. 502.2531. ISSUANCE OF DISABLED PLATES TO CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to provide for the issuance of specially designed license plates under Section 502.253 for a van or bus operated by an institution in which a person described by Section 502.253(b) resides.

(b) Requires the application for registration to be made in the manner provided by Section 502.253(d) and be accompanied by a written statement signed by the administrator of the institution certifying that the institution transports persons described by Section 502.253(b).

SECTION 2. Amends Chapter 681, Transportation Code, by adding Section 681.0032, as follows:

Sec. 681.0032. ISSUANCE OF DISABLED PARKING PLACARDS TO CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS. (a) Requires TxDOT to provide for the issuance of disabled parking placards described by Section 681.002 for a van or bus operated by an institution in which a person described by Section 502.253(b) resides.

(b) Requires the application for a disabled parking placard to be made in the manner provided by Section 681.003(b) and be accompanied by a written statement signed by the administrator of the institution to certify to TxDOT that the institution transports persons described by Section 502.253(b).

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.