

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, no law provides for a specialized motor vehicle license plate that depicts the Knights of Columbus emblem and benefits the State Council Charities. As proposed, S.B. 668 creates a specialized license plate featuring the emblem of the Knights of Columbus, appropriates funds for the State Council Charities from the \$30 fee charged for obtaining the special plates, and deposits the remainder to the state highway fund.

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 Chapter 502F, Transportation Code, by adding Section 502.2934, as follows:

Sec. 502.2934. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to issue specially designed Knights of Columbus license plates for passenger cars and light trucks.

(b) Requires the license plates to include the emblem of the Order of the Knights of Columbus.

(c) Requires TxDOT to design the license plate in consultation with the Knights of Columbus.

(d) Requires TxDOT to issue license plates under this section to a person who applies to his or her county assessor-collector on a form provided by TxDOT and who pays an annual fee of \$30 in addition to the fee prescribed by Section 502.161, or, if applicable, 502.251.

(e) Requires TxDOT to deposit \$22 of each fee collected under this section to the credit of the State Council Charities account in the general fund, to be used by the Texas Education Agency only to make grants to State Council Charities. Requires that the remainder of each fee collected under this section be deposited to the state highway fund.

(f) Authorizes the owner of the vehicle for which the license plates were issued to obtain replacements from TxDOT by paying the fee prescribed by Section 502.184(a)(2) in the event that the plates are lost, stolen, or mutilated.

(g) Requires the owner of a vehicle registered under this section to return the special license plates to TxDOT if the owner disposes of the vehicle during the registration year.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.