

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 4099
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Interested parties note that only a limited number of law enforcement agencies in Texas have the financial resources to support a K9 unit. K9s4COPs, a foundation formed to address the need for funding the purchase of K9s for these agencies, has placed numerous K9s in multiple agencies and school districts across several states.

H.B. 4099 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue K9s4COPs specialty license plates to be designed in consultation with K9s4COPs. The bill requires the remainder of the fee for issuance of the license plates, after deduction of TxDMV's administrative costs, to be deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund to be used only by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas in making grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of funding the purchase of police dogs by law enforcement agencies.

H.B. 4099 amends current law relating to the issuance of K9s4COPs 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 504.649, as follows:

Sec. 504.649. K9S4COPS LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue K9s4COPs specialty license plates. Requires TxDMV to design the license plates in consultation with K9s4COPs.

(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 the general revenue fund to be used only by the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas in making grants to nonprofit organizations for the purpose of funding the purchase of police dogs by law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 2. Effective date: January 1, 2016.