

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

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Transportation
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Childhood cancer is devastating to the child and the family. It is the second leading cause of death among children, following injuries. Since childhood cancer is less common than adult cancers, fewer research dollars are allocated toward finding treatments and cures for these cancers.

Cancer touches everyone. S.B. 2015 amends the Transportation Code to require the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to issue specialty license plates for pediatric cancer research and to design the license plate in consultation with an organization that promotes pediatric cancer research. The funds collected shall be deposited to the cancer prevention and research fund and may only be used to fund pediatric cancer research. (Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 2015 amends current law relating to the issuance of pediatric cancer research 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 504.6551, as follows:

Sec. 504.6551. PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH LICENSE PLATES. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) to issue specialty license plates that include the words "Kids Shouldn't Have Cancer." Requires TxDMV to design the plates in consultation with the Kids Shouldn't Have Cancer Foundation.

(b) 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 cancer prevention and research fund established by Section 102.201 (Cancer Prevention and Research Fund), Health and Safety Code. Authorizes money deposited to that account to be used only to fund pediatric cancer research.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2019.