

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

In performing their duties, justices of the peace and municipal judges have experienced difficulties in gaining access to non-public places due to a lack of outward indication that a vehicle belongs to a justice of the peace or municipal judge.

H.B. 2767 creates specialty license plates for justices of the peace and municipal judges by amending Subchapter E (Specialty License Plates with Restricted Distribution), Chapter 504 (Specialty License Plates), Transportation Code.

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 E, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, by adding Section 504.415, as follows:

Sec. 504.415. MUNICIPAL JUDGES AND JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. (a) Requires the Texas Department of Transportation to issue specialty license plates for elected or appointed municipal judges and justices of the peace for use during their term of office. Requires that the license plates include a depiction of the scales of justice and the words "Municipal Judge" or "Justice of the Peace."

(b) Authorizes a person to be issued three sets of license plates under this section.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2009.