

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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S.B. 896  
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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

S.B. 896 adds "father" to the list of persons eligible to apply for and receive a Gold Star specialty license plate. Gold Star plates are issued to certain family members of persons who died while serving in the United States armed forces. S.B. 896 amends Section 504.408 (Gold Star Mother, Spouse, or Family Member), Transportation Code, to read "Gold Star Mother, Father, Spouse, or Family Member."

As proposed, S.B. 896 amends current law relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to certain family members of a person who dies while serving in the United States armed forces.

### **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 the heading to Section 504.408, Transportation Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 504.408. GOLD STAR MOTHER, FATHER, SPOUSE, OR FAMILY MEMBER.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 504.408(a), Transportation Code, to authorize the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, to issue a specialty license plate for the mother, father, or surviving spouse, or an immediate family member of a person who died while serving in the United States armed forces. Requires that license plates issued under this section include the words "Gold Star Mother," "Gold Star Father," "Gold Star Spouse," or "Gold Star Family" and a gold star.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2011.