

HB 2235 -- Specialty License Plate Approval Process

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill changes the administrative procedures for issuing and developing specialty license plates. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Specifies that the Department of Revenue is not required to accept applications and issue specialty plates for a specific category or organization if no applications for the plate have been received within four years from the authorization of the plate or the total number of specialty plates issued for a specific category is less than 200 plates for two consecutive years;

(2) Authorizes the department to discontinue the issuance and renewal of a specialty license plate if the organization has stopped providing services and the emblem-use authorization statements are no longer being issued by the organization. The organization must notify the department immediately to discontinue the issuance of a specialty plate. These provisions will not apply to any specialty license plate which bears the emblem or insignia of a branch of the United States military or a military organization or involve military actions or personnel;

(3) Removes the July 1 deadline for the submission of the necessary documents and fees to the department regarding a request for a new specialty plate and allows an organization to submit the necessary documents at any time. Interested parties have 60 days from the filing of the proposal to submit testimony to the department in support of or opposition to the specialty plate; and

(4) Requires the department, as soon as practicable after receiving the required documents and fees, to submit all applications for the development of a specialty plate to the Joint Committee on Transportation Oversight for the committee to approve or deny.