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House Bill 2894 amends the Transportation Code to clarify and streamline the law relating to the marketing of specialty license plates through a private vendor. The Texas Department of Transportation is required, rather than authorized, to enter into a contract, as determined from a competitive bidding process, with a private vendor for the marketing and sale of personalized license plates or with the agreement of the private vendor, other specialty plates. The bill prohibits the department from publishing a proposed design or color combination for a specialty license plate for public comment in the Texas Register or otherwise, except on the department's website for a period not to exceed 10 days. The bill prohibits the department from restricting the background color, color combinations, or color alphanumeric license plate numbers of a specialty license plate except as determined by the Department of Public Safety as necessary for law enforcement purposes. It requires the department to certify to the comptroller the estimate of all reasonable costs to the department associated with issuing or renewing personalized license plates or specialty license plates and requires the contract with the private vendor to provide for the department to recover those costs. The bill also sets forth certain limitations on a contract between the department and a private vendor relating to the marketing and sale of specialty license plates.