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H.B. No. 502

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the display of a license plate only on the rear of a motor vehicle; authorizing a fee.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 504.010, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d) and (e) to read as follows:

(d) Rules adopted under Subsection (c) must:

(1) authorize a motor vehicle to display only a rear license plate if the applicant for the vehicle's registration pays to the department an annual fee of \$50; and

(2) require a motor vehicle that displays only a rear license plate as authorized by Subdivision (1) to display on the vehicle's windshield a distinctive insignia issued by the department for validation of that authorization.

(e) The department shall deposit a fee collected under Subsection (d) to the credit of the state highway fund.

SECTION 2. Section 504.943(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person commits an offense if the person operates on a public highway, during a registration period, a motor vehicle that does not display in compliance with department rules:

(1) two license plates [~~that~~

[~~(1) have been~~] assigned by the department for the

1 period; or [~~and~~]

2 (2) a rear license plate assigned by the department
3 for the period and a windshield insignia as described by Section
4 504.010(d) [~~comply with department rules regarding the placement of~~
5 ~~license plates~~].

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.