

1-1 By: Taylor S.B. No. 2012
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 12, 2021; April 1, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 22, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0; April 22, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 Seliger	X			
1-9 Alvarado	X			
1-10 Blanco			X	
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Hinojosa	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Perry	X			
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a
 1-20 license plate.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 504.943, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-23 by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
 1-24 follows:

1-25 (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a
 1-26 public highway during a registration period a road tractor, a
 1-27 motorcycle, a trailer, a ~~or~~ semitrailer, or a motor vehicle
 1-28 equipped by the manufacturer with not more than one area to display
 1-29 a license plate that does not display a license plate that:

1-30 (1) has been assigned by the department for the
 1-31 period; and

1-32 (2) complies with department rules regarding the
 1-33 placement of license plates.

1-34 (b-1) In this section, "area to display a license plate"
 1-35 means a feature of the exterior front or rear of a motor vehicle to
 1-36 which a license plate may be fastened as required by rules regarding
 1-37 the placement of license plates adopted by the board under Section
 1-38 504.010(c). The term does not include a feature to which a license
 1-39 plate may be fastened only after drilling through the exterior of
 1-40 the vehicle.

1-41 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
 1-42 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
 1-43 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
 1-44 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
 1-45 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
 1-46 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
 1-47 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
 1-48 before that date.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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