

1-1 By: Thompson of Brazoria, et al. H.B. No. 53
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Eckhardt)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 17, 2023;
 1-4 April 18, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-5 Transportation; May 19, 2023, reported favorably by the following
 1-6 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 19, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the exemption from registration fees of certain
 1-21 vehicles used by nonprofit disaster relief organizations.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Sections 502.454(a), (b), and (f),
 1-24 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-25 (a) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle, trailer, or
 1-26 semitrailer may apply for registration under Section 502.451 and is
 1-27 exempt from the payment of the registration fee that would
 1-28 otherwise be required by this chapter if the vehicle is:

1-29 (1) owned ~~[and used exclusively for emergencies]~~ by a
 1-30 nonprofit disaster relief organization; and

1-31 (2) used by the organization exclusively for
 1-32 emergencies, training, equipment maintenance, transportation of
 1-33 disaster relief supplies, or other activities related to disaster
 1-34 relief.

1-35 (b) An application for registration under this section must
 1-36 include:

1-37 (1) a statement by the owner of the vehicle that the
 1-38 vehicle is used exclusively as described by Subsection (a) ~~[for~~
 1-39 ~~emergencies]~~ and has not been used for any other purpose;

1-40 (2) a statement signed by an officer of the nonprofit
 1-41 disaster relief organization that the vehicle has ~~[not]~~ been used
 1-42 exclusively as described by Subsection (a) ~~[for any purpose other~~
 1-43 ~~than emergencies]~~ and qualifies for registration under this
 1-44 section; and

1-45 (3) a reasonable description of the vehicle and the
 1-46 emergency equipment included in the vehicle.

1-47 (f) A vehicle registered under this section that is used
 1-48 ~~[for any purpose]~~ other than as described by Subsection (a) ~~[an~~
 1-49 ~~emergency]~~ may not again be registered under this section.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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