

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 261
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed December 1, 2022; February 15, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 March 31, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 31, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15			X	
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 261 By: Eckhardt

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to titling and registration of assembled trailers.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 501.002, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-24 by amending Subdivisions (1), (1-a), (8), (19), and (31) and adding
 1-25 Subdivisions (1-b) and (8-a) to read as follows:
 1-26 (1) "Assembled trailer" means a trailer, semitrailer,
 1-27 or travel trailer that is built or assembled by a hobbyist.
 1-28 (1-a) "Assembled vehicle" has the meaning assigned by
 1-29 Section 731.001.
 1-30 (1-b) [~~(1-a)~~] "Certificate of title" means a printed
 1-31 record of title issued under Section 501.021.
 1-32 (8) "First sale" means:
 1-33 (A) the bargain, sale, transfer, or delivery of a
 1-34 motor vehicle, other than an assembled trailer or assembled
 1-35 vehicle, that has not been previously registered or titled, with
 1-36 intent to pass an interest in the motor vehicle, other than a lien,
 1-37 regardless of where the bargain, sale, transfer, or delivery
 1-38 occurred; and
 1-39 (B) the registration or titling of that vehicle.
 1-40 (8-a) "Hobbyist" means a person who:
 1-41 (A) builds or assembles an assembled trailer for
 1-42 personal use;
 1-43 (B) does not engage in the continuous sale of
 1-44 vehicles, as defined by the department; and
 1-45 (C) is not the maker of a kit or a manufacturer,
 1-46 as defined by Section 2301.002, Occupations Code.
 1-47 (19) "Owner" means:
 1-48 (A) a person, other than a manufacturer,
 1-49 importer, distributor, or dealer, claiming title to or having a
 1-50 right to operate under a lien a motor vehicle that has been subject
 1-51 to a first sale; or
 1-52 (B) a hobbyist who constructed an assembled
 1-53 trailer.
 1-54 (31) "Used motor vehicle" means:
 1-55 (A) a motor vehicle that has been the subject of a
 1-56 first sale; ~~or~~
 1-57 (B) an assembled vehicle that has been issued a
 1-58 title; or
 1-59 (C) an assembled trailer that has been issued a
 1-60 title or has been registered under Chapter 502.

2-1 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,
2-2 is amended by adding Section 501.009 to read as follows:

2-3 Sec. 501.009. ASSEMBLED TRAILER. For purposes of this
2-4 chapter, an assembled trailer is considered to be, as applicable, a
2-5 trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer, including a farm trailer
2-6 or farm semitrailer.

2-7 SECTION 3. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended
2-8 by adding Subdivision (2-a) to read as follows:

2-9 (2-a) "Assembled trailer" has the meaning assigned by
2-10 Section 501.002.

2-11 SECTION 4. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
2-12 is amended by adding Section 502.006 to read as follows:

2-13 Sec. 502.006. ASSEMBLED TRAILER. For purposes of this
2-14 chapter, an assembled trailer is considered to be, as applicable, a
2-15 trailer, semitrailer, or travel trailer, including a farm trailer
2-16 or farm semitrailer.

2-17 SECTION 5. Section 502.040(a), Transportation Code, is
2-18 amended to read as follows:

2-19 (a) Not more than 30 days after purchasing a vehicle, ~~[or]~~
2-20 becoming a resident of this state, or completing construction of an
2-21 assembled trailer, the owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, ~~[or]~~
2-22 semitrailer, or assembled trailer shall apply for the registration
2-23 of the vehicle for:

2-24 (1) each registration year in which the vehicle is
2-25 used or to be used on a public highway; and

2-26 (2) if the vehicle is unregistered for a registration
2-27 year that has begun and that applies to the vehicle and if the
2-28 vehicle is used or to be used on a public highway, the remaining
2-29 portion of that registration year.

2-30 SECTION 6. Section 731.001(a)(4), Transportation Code, is
2-31 amended to read as follows:

- 2-32 (4) "Assembled vehicle" means:
- 2-33 (A) an assembled motor vehicle;
 - 2-34 (B) an assembled motorcycle;
 - 2-35 (C) ~~[an assembled trailer];~~
 - 2-36 ~~[(D)]~~ a custom vehicle;
 - 2-37 (D) ~~[(E)]~~ a street rod;
 - 2-38 (E) ~~[(F)]~~ a replica; or
 - 2-39 (F) ~~[(G)]~~ a glider kit.

2-40 SECTION 7. Section 731.001(a)(3), Transportation Code, is
2-41 repealed.

2-42 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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