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S.B. No. 2705

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to fees for the issuance of certain specialty license plates and an exemption from vehicle registration for certain trailers, semitrailers, tractors, and implements of husbandry.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.147 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.147. CERTAIN FARM TRAILERS, FARM SEMITRAILERS, FARM TRACTORS, AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY. An owner is not required to register a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross weight of 4,000 pounds or less or a farm tractor or an implement of husbandry if the trailer, semitrailer, tractor, or implement is operated only temporarily on the highways.

SECTION 2. Section 504.3015(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person applying for a set of license plates under this subchapter shall pay the registration fee required under Chapter 502 and the applicable special plate fee required under this section, except that one set of license plates shall be issued without the payment of the registration fee under:

- (1) Section 504.308;
- (2) Section 504.310(b);
- (3) Section 504.315, other than Subsections (c) and (q) of that section; ~~and~~

1 (4) Section 504.316; and

2 (5) Section 504.319.

3 SECTION 3. Section 504.512, Transportation Code, is amended
4 by adding Subsection (b) to read as follows:

5 (b) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

6 SECTION 4. Section 504.513, Transportation Code, is amended
7 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
8 follows:

9 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates
10 for:

11 (1) volunteer firefighters certified by:

12 (A) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or

13 (B) the State Firefighters' [~~Firemen's~~] and Fire
14 Marshals' Association of Texas; and

15 (2) fire protection personnel as that term is defined
16 by Section 419.021, Government Code.

17 (c) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

18 SECTION 5. Section 504.516, Transportation Code, is amended
19 by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

20 (c) There is no fee for issuance of the license plates.

21 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.