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S.B. No. 677

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and
3 displayed on certain motor vehicles.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 502.010 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.010. ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATE FOR
8 CERTAIN VEHICLES. (a) This section applies only to a vehicle that
9 is owned by this state or a political subdivision of this state,
10 other than a law enforcement vehicle that:

11 (1) is registered under Section 502.206; or

12 (2) is not registered under Section 502.206, but is
13 intended for use in covert criminal investigations, as designated
14 in the application for registration.

15 (b) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the
16 contrary, including Section 502.180, the department shall issue
17 only one license plate for attachment at the rear of a vehicle to
18 which this section applies.

19 (c) Notwithstanding anything in this chapter to the
20 contrary, including Section 502.404(a), a person is entitled to
21 operate on a public highway a vehicle to which this section applies
22 that displays only one license plate if the plate is attached at the
23 rear of the vehicle.

24 (d) In any provision of this chapter that relates to the

1 issuance or display of "license plates," "plates," or a "set of
2 plates," for a vehicle to which this section applies, the term means
3 only one license plate.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.