

Amend CSHB 2702, by adding the following new SECTIONS and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 643.051, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 643.051. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. (a) A motor carrier may not operate a commercial motor vehicle, as defined by Section 548.001, or a tow truck on a road or highway of this state unless the carrier registers with the department under this subchapter.

(b) A motor carrier may not operate a vehicle, regardless of size of the vehicle, to transport household goods for compensation unless the carrier registers with the department under this subchapter.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 643.153(b), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The department may adopt rules necessary to ensure that a customer of a motor carrier transporting household goods is protected from deceptive or unfair practices and unreasonably hazardous activities. The rules must:

(1) establish a formal process for resolving a dispute over a fee or damage;

(2) require a motor carrier to indicate clearly to a customer whether an estimate is binding or nonbinding and disclose the maximum price a customer could be required to pay;

(3) create a centralized process for making complaints about a motor carrier that also allows a customer to inquire about a carrier's complaint record; and

(4) require a motor carrier transporting household goods to list a place of business with a street address in this state and the carrier's registration number issued under this article in any print advertising published in this state[+]

~~[(5) require motor carriers that are required to register under Subsection (c) to file proof of cargo insurance in amounts to be determined by the department that do not exceed the amount required for a motor carrier transporting household goods under federal law and allow alternative evidence of financial responsibility, through surety bonds, letters of credit, or other means satisfactory to the department, for contractual obligations~~

~~to customers that do not exceed \$5,000 aggregate loss or damage to total cargo shipped at any one time,~~

~~[(6) require motor carriers that are required to register under Subsection (c) to conspicuously advise consumers concerning limitation of any carrier liability for loss or damage as determined under Subdivision (7); and~~

~~[(7) determine reasonable provisions governing limitation of liability for loss or damage of motor carriers required to register under Subsection (c), not to exceed 60 cents per pound per article].~~

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 643.155(c), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The committee shall[+]

~~[(1)]~~ examine the rules adopted by the department under Sections 643.153(a) and (b) and make recommendations to the department on modernizing and streamlining the rules[+]

~~[(2) conduct a study of the feasibility and necessity of requiring any vehicle liability insurance for household goods carriers required to register under Section 643.153(c); and~~

~~[(3) recommend a maximum level of liability limitation under Section 643.153(b)(7) that does not exceed 60 cents per pound].~~

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 643.252(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The department may suspend or revoke a registration issued under this chapter or place on probation a motor carrier whose registration is suspended if a motor carrier:

(1) fails to maintain insurance or evidence of financial responsibility as required by Section 643.101(a), (b), (c), or (d) [~~or 643.153(b)~~];

(2) fails to keep evidence of insurance in the cab of each vehicle as required by Section 643.103(b);

(3) fails to register a vehicle requiring registration;

(4) knowingly provides false information on any form filed with the department under this chapter; or

(5) violates a rule adopted under Section 643.063.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Sections 643.253(a), (b), and (e), Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A person commits an offense if the person fails to:

(1) register as required by Subchapter B [~~or Section 643.153(e)~~];

(2) maintain insurance or evidence of financial responsibility as required by Subchapter C [~~or Section 643.153~~]; or

(3) keep a cab card in the cab of a vehicle as required by Section 643.059.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person solicits the transportation of household goods for compensation and is not registered as required by Subchapter B [~~or Section 643.153~~].

(e) An offense under Subsection (b) or (d) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 per violation.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 643.153(c), Transportation Code, is repealed.