

1-1 By: Berman (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 505  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 26, 2007;  
1-3 April 3, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; April 24, 2007, reported  
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 24, 2007,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to specialty license plates for certain vehicles  
1-10 transporting agricultural products, drilling equipment, or  
1-11 construction equipment.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 501.036(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-14 amended to read as follows:

1-15 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,  
1-16 the department may issue a certificate of title for a farm  
1-17 semitrailer with a gross weight of more than 4,000 pounds if:

1-18 (1) the farm semitrailer is eligible for registration  
1-19 under Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~]; and

1-20 (2) all other requirements for issuance of a  
1-21 certificate of title are met.

1-22 SECTION 2. Section 502.167(g), Transportation Code, is  
1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 (g) This section does not apply to:

1-25 (1) a combination of vehicles that includes a vehicle  
1-26 that has a distinguishing license plate under Section 504.504  
1-27 [~~502.276~~];

1-28 (2) a truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle  
1-29 registered or to be registered with \$5 distinguishing license  
1-30 plates for which the vehicle is eligible under this chapter;

1-31 (3) a truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle used  
1-32 exclusively in combination with a semitrailer of the housetrailer  
1-33 type; or

1-34 (4) a vehicle registered or to be registered:  
1-35 (A) with a temporary registration permit;  
1-36 (B) under Section 502.163; or  
1-37 (C) under Section 502.188 [~~502.278~~].

1-38 SECTION 3. Section 502.180(h), Transportation Code, is  
1-39 amended to read as follows:

1-40 (h) The registration insignia for validation of a license  
1-41 plate shall be attached to the rear license plate of the vehicle, if  
1-42 the vehicle is:

1-43 (1) a motorcycle;

1-44 (2) machinery used exclusively to drill water wells or  
1-45 construction machinery for which a distinguishing license plate has  
1-46 been issued under Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~]; or

1-47 (3) oil well servicing, oil clean out, or oil well  
1-48 drilling machinery or equipment for which a distinguishing license  
1-49 plate has been issued under Subchapter G, Chapter 623.

1-50 SECTION 4. Section 547.304(a), Transportation Code, is  
1-51 amended to read as follows:

1-52 (a) A provision of this chapter that requires a vehicle to  
1-53 be equipped with fixed electric lights does not apply to a farm  
1-54 trailer or fertilizer trailer registered under Section 504.504  
1-55 [~~502.276~~] or a boat trailer with a gross weight of 3,000 pounds or  
1-56 less if the trailer is not operated at a time or under a condition  
1-57 specified by Section 547.302(a).

1-58 SECTION 5. Section 623.144, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-59 to read as follows:

1-60 Sec. 623.144. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE. A permit under this  
1-61 subchapter may be issued only if the vehicle is registered under  
1-62 Chapter 502 for the maximum gross weight applicable to the vehicle  
1-63 under Section 621.101 or has the distinguishing license plates as  
1-64 provided by Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~] if applicable to the vehicle.

2-1 SECTION 6. Section 623.149(a), Transportation Code, is  
2-2 amended to read as follows:

2-3 (a) The department may establish criteria to determine  
2-4 whether oil well servicing, oil well clean out, or oil well drilling  
2-5 machinery or equipment is subject to registration under Chapter 502  
2-6 or eligible for the distinguishing license plate provided by  
2-7 Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~].

2-8 SECTION 7. Section 623.194, Transportation Code, is amended  
2-9 to read as follows:

2-10 Sec. 623.194. REGISTRATION OF VEHICLE. A permit under this  
2-11 subchapter may be issued only if the vehicle to be moved is  
2-12 registered under Chapter 502 for the maximum gross weight  
2-13 applicable to the vehicle under Section 621.101 or has the  
2-14 distinguishing license plates as provided by Section 504.504  
2-15 [~~502.276~~] if applicable to the vehicle.

2-16 SECTION 8. Section 623.199(a), Transportation Code, is  
2-17 amended to read as follows:

2-18 (a) The department may establish criteria to determine  
2-19 whether an unladen lift equipment motor vehicle that because of its  
2-20 design for use as lift equipment exceeds the maximum weight and  
2-21 width limitations prescribed by statute is subject to registration  
2-22 under Chapter 502 or eligible for the distinguishing license plate  
2-23 provided by Section 504.504 [~~502.276~~].

2-24 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
2-25 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2-26 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2-27 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2-28 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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