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H.B. No. 116

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain fees and taxes collected by this state in connection with a motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.001(9), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(9) "Light truck" means a ~~commercial~~ motor vehicle, other than a passenger car, motorcycle, golf cart, or bus, that has a manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 502.161, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.161. FEE: PASSENGER CAR, LIGHT TRUCK, MUNICIPAL BUS, PRIVATE BUS.

SECTION 3. Section 502.161, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a passenger car, a municipal bus, or a private bus that weighs 6,000 pounds or less is \$50.50 ~~[+]~~

~~[(1) \$40.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is more than six years before the year in which the registration year begins,~~

~~[(2) \$50.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is more than three years but is six years or less before the year in~~

~~which the registration year begins, or~~
~~[(3) \$58.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
~~three years or less before the year in which the registration year~~
~~begins].~~

(e) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
light truck is \$60.50.

SECTION 4. The heading to Section 502.162, Transportation
Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.162. FEE: NONCOMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE RATED MORE
THAN ONE TON, COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE, OR TRUCK-TRACTOR.

SECTION 5. Section 502.162(a), Transportation Code, is
amended to read as follows:

(a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
noncommercial motor vehicle with a manufacturer's rated carrying
capacity of more than one ton, commercial motor vehicle, or
truck-tractor is \$25 plus an amount determined according to the
vehicle's gross weight ~~[and tire equipment]~~, as follows:

Gross weight in pounds	Fee for each 100 pounds or fraction of 100 pounds	
	[Equipped with pneumatic tires]	[Equipped with solid tires]
1-6,000	\$0.44	[\$0.55]
6,001-8,000	0.495	[0.66]
8,001-10,000	0.605	[0.77]
10,001-17,000	0.715	[0.88]
17,001-24,000	0.77	[0.99]
24,001-31,000	0.88	[1.10]
31,001 and over	0.99	[1.32]

1 SECTION 6. Section 152.025(b), Tax Code, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 (b) The tax is \$50 [~~\$10~~].

4 SECTION 7. The changes in law made by this Act to Chapter
5 502, Transportation Code, apply only to the fee for a registration
6 period beginning on or after the effective date of this Act. A fee
7 for a registration period beginning before the effective date of
8 this Act is governed by the law in effect when the registration
9 period began, and the former law is continued in effect for that
10 purpose.

11 SECTION 8. The change in law made by this Act to Section
12 152.025, Tax Code, does not affect taxes imposed before the
13 effective date of this Act, and the law in effect before the
14 effective date of this Act is continued in effect for purposes of
15 the liability for and collection of those taxes.

16 SECTION 9. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.