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H.B. No. 3044

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of certain vehicles used to provide emergency incident rehabilitation services.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.2036 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.2036. VEHICLES USED FOR EMERGENCY INCIDENT REHABILITATION. (a) In this section:

(1) "Emergency incident rehabilitation" means the providing of emergency incident support services for emergency personnel, including firefighters, law enforcement personnel, and emergency medical technicians.

(2) "Emergency incident support services" include:

(A) providing food, hydration, and shelter to emergency personnel;

(B) monitoring emergency personnel; and

(C) performing duties at the request of the person in charge of an emergency incident.

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may apply for registration under Section 502.201 and is exempt from the payment of the registration fee that would otherwise be required by this chapter if the vehicle is owned and used exclusively for emergency incident rehabilitation by a nonprofit organization.

1 (c) An application for registration under this section must
2 include:

3 (1) a statement by the owner of the vehicle that the
4 vehicle is used exclusively for emergency incident rehabilitation
5 and has not been used for any other purpose;

6 (2) a statement signed by an officer of the nonprofit
7 organization that the vehicle has not been used for any purpose
8 other than emergency incident rehabilitation and qualifies for
9 registration under this section; and

10 (3) a reasonable description of the vehicle and the
11 equipment included in the vehicle.

12 (d) An applicant for registration under this section must
13 pay a fee of \$5.

14 (e) A motor vehicle registered under this section must
15 display the name of the organization that owns it on each front
16 door.

17 (f) A vehicle registered under this section must display at
18 all times an appropriate license plate showing the vehicle's
19 status.

20 (g) A vehicle registered under this section that is used for
21 any purpose other than emergency incident rehabilitation by a
22 nonprofit organization that provides emergency incident
23 rehabilitation may not again be registered under this section by
24 that organization.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.