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H.B. No. 3433

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the extended registration of a fleet of motor vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subdivision (6-a) to read as follows:

(6-a) "Fleet" means a group of at least 25 nonapportioned motor vehicles owned by a corporation, limited or general partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity and used for the business purposes of that entity.

SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.0023 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.0023. EXTENDED REGISTRATION OF FLEET MOTOR VEHICLES. (a) Notwithstanding Section 502.158(c), the department shall develop and implement a system of registration to allow an owner of a fleet to register the motor vehicles in the fleet for an extended registration period of not less than five years or more than 10 years. The owner may select the number of years for registration under this section within that range.

(b) A system of extended registration under this section must allow the owner of a fleet to register:

(1) an entire fleet in the county of the owner's residence or principal place of business; or

(2) the motor vehicles in a fleet that are operated most regularly in the same county.

1       (c) In addition to the registration fees prescribed by  
2 Subchapter D, an owner registering a fleet under this section shall  
3 pay:

4               (1) an annual fleet registration fee of \$10 per motor  
5 vehicle; and

6               (2) a license plate manufacturing fee of \$1.50 for  
7 each new motor vehicle license plate.

8       (d) A license plate issued under this section may include  
9 the name or logo of the business entity that owns the vehicle. The  
10 license plate must:

11               (1) be a distinctive color; and

12               (2) include the word "Fleet" and the word "Texas."

13       (e) The department shall issue a registration insignia for  
14 validation of a license plate issued under this section that is  
15 valid for the period of registration under this section.

16       (f) The department shall adopt rules to implement this  
17 section, including rules on suspension from the fleet program for  
18 failure to comply with this section or rules adopted under this  
19 section.

20       SECTION 3. Section 502.0022(c), Transportation Code, is  
21 repealed.

22       SECTION 4. The Texas Department of Transportation shall  
23 adopt the rules and establish the system required under Section  
24 502.0023, Transportation Code, as added by this Act, not later than  
25 September 1, 2010.

26       SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.