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H.B. No. 4495

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the titling, registration, and operation of
3 mini-trucks.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 501.037 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 501.037. CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR MINI-TRUCK. The
8 department shall adopt rules and forms for the issuance of a
9 certificate of title for a mini-truck, as that term is defined by
10 Section 502.001.

11 SECTION 2. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is amended
12 by adding Subdivision (9-a) to read as follows:

13 (9-a) "Mini-truck" means a vehicle that:

14 (A) is powered by an internal combustion engine
15 with a piston or rotor displacement of 1,000 cubic centimeters or
16 less;

17 (B) is less than 67 inches in width;

18 (C) weighs 3,400 pounds or less;

19 (D) is operated on four or more tires;

20 (E) has a top speed of approximately 55 miles per
21 hour;

22 (F) is equipped with a bed or compartment for
23 hauling; and

24 (G) has an enclosed passenger cab.

1 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
2 is amended by adding Section 502.0065 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 502.0065. MINI-TRUCKS. The department shall establish
4 rules for the registration of mini-trucks for operation on a public
5 highway.

6 SECTION 4. Subchapter I, Chapter 545, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 545.428 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 545.428. OPERATION OF MINI-TRUCK. (a) A mini-truck
9 that has been issued a certificate of title under Chapter 501 and
10 registered under Chapter 502 may be operated:

11 (1) on a public highway in this state that is not part
12 of the national system of interstate and defense highways; and

13 (2) in accordance with this chapter, including rules
14 adopted under Subchapter (b).

15 (b) The department by rule may adopt requirements for the
16 operation of a mini-truck on a public highway.

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