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S.B. No. 561

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on a motor vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 502.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 502.010. ISSUANCE AND DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATE. (a) Notwithstanding anything in this code to the contrary, including Section 502.180, the department shall issue only one license plate for attachment at the rear of the vehicle for which the plate is issued.

(b) Notwithstanding anything in this code to the contrary, including Section 502.404(a), a person is entitled to operate on a public highway a vehicle that displays only one license plate if the plate is attached at the rear of the vehicle. A person may operate on a public highway a vehicle that displays two license plates if both plates were assigned by the department for the registration period as a set of plates.

(c) In any provision of this code that relates to the issuance or display of "license plates," "plates," or a "set of plates," the term means only one license plate.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act regarding the issuance of license plates by the Texas Department of Transportation applies only to the issuance of license plates by

1 the department for a registration period beginning on or after the  
2 effective date of this Act. For a registration period that begins  
3 before the effective date of this Act, the department shall issue  
4 license plates as required by the law in effect immediately before  
5 the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in  
6 effect for that purpose.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.