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S.B. No. 1636

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to motor vehicle registration fees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 502.160, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.160. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$30.

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

Sec. 502.161. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH 6,000 POUNDS OR LESS [~~PASSENGER CAR, MUNICIPAL BUS, PRIVATE BUS~~].

SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 502.161, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a vehicle with a gross weight of [~~passenger car, a municipal bus, or a private bus that weighs~~] 6,000 pounds or less is \$50.75, unless otherwise provided in this chapter [+

~~[(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~~

1 ~~three years or less before the year in which the registration year~~
 2 ~~begins].~~

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

5 Sec. 502.162. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH MORE THAN 6,000
 6 POUNDS [~~COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRUCK-TRACTOR~~].

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

9 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 10 vehicle with a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds is [~~commercial~~
 11 ~~motor vehicle or truck-tractor is \$25 plus an amount determined~~
 12 ~~according to the vehicle's gross weight and tire equipment,~~] as
 13 follows unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

<u>Weight Classification</u>	<u>Fee Schedule</u>
<u>in pounds</u>	
<u>6,001-10,000</u>	<u>\$54.00</u>
<u>10,001-18,000</u>	<u>\$110.00</u>
<u>18,001-25,999</u>	<u>\$205.00</u>
<u>26,000-40,000</u>	<u>\$340.00</u>
<u>40,001-54,999</u>	<u>\$535.00</u>
<u>55,000-70,000</u>	<u>\$740.00</u>
<u>70,001-80,000</u>	<u>\$840.00</u>
[Gross weight	Fee for each 100 pounds or
[in pounds	fraction of 100 pounds
[Equipped with	Equipped with
[pneumatic tires	solid tires

1	[1-6,000	\$0.44	\$0.55
2	[6,001-8,000	0.495	0.66
3	[8,001-10,000	0.605	0.77
4	[10,001-17,000	0.715	0.88
5	[17,001-24,000	0.77	0.99
6	[24,001-31,000	0.88	1.10
7	[31,001 and over	0.99	1.32]

8 SECTION 6. Section 502.165, Transportation Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 Sec. 502.165. FEE: ROAD TRACTOR. The fee for a
11 registration year for registration of a road tractor is the fee
12 prescribed by [~~\$25 plus an amount determined according to the~~
13 ~~vehicle's~~] weight as certified by a public weigher or a license and
14 weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety under Section
15 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. [~~, as follows:~~

16		[Fee for each 100 pounds
17	[Gross weight in	or
18	[pounds	fraction of 100 pounds
19		
20	[1-4,000	\$0.275
21	[4,001-6,000	0.55
22	[6,001-8,000	0.66
23	[8,001-10,000	0.825
24	[10,001 and over	1.10]

25 SECTION 7. The heading to Section 502.166, Transportation
26 Code, is amended to read as follows:

27 Sec. 502.166. FEE: TRAILER, TRAVEL TRAILER, OR

1 SEMITRAILER.

2 SECTION 8. Section 502.166, Transportation Code, is amended
3 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
4 follows:

5 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
6 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a [~~is \$25 plus an~~
7 ~~amount determined according to the vehicle's~~] gross weight of 6,000
8 pounds or less is \$45.00.

9 (a-1) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
10 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of more
11 than 6,000 pounds is calculated by gross weight according to
12 Section 502.162. [~~and tire equipment, as follows:~~

13 [~~Gross weight~~ Fee for each 100 pounds or
14 [~~in pounds~~ ~~fraction of 100 pounds~~

	[Equipped with	Equipped with
	[pneumatic tires	solid tires
18 [1-6,000	\$0.33	\$0.44
19 [6,001-8,000	0.44	0.55
20 [8,001-10,000	0.55	0.66
21 [10,001-17,000	0.66	0.88
22 [17,001 and over	0.715	0.99]

23 SECTION 9. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Section 502.167,
24 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

25 (a) This section applies only to a truck-tractor or
26 commercial motor vehicle with a gross weight [~~manufacturer's rated~~
27 ~~carrying capacity~~] of more than 10,000 pounds [~~one ton~~] that is used

1 or is to be used in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross
2 weight of more than 6,000 pounds.

3 (b) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.162, the~~] fee for a
4 registration year for registration of a truck-tractor or commercial
5 motor vehicle is calculated by gross weight according to Section
6 502.162. [~~\$40 plus an amount determined according to the combined~~
7 ~~gross weight of the vehicles, as follows:~~

8		[Fee for each 100 pounds
9	[Combined gross weight	or
10	[in pounds	fraction of 100 pounds
11	[18,000-36,000	\$0.60
12	[36,001-42,000	0.75
13	[42,001-62,000	0.90
14	[62,001 and over	1.00]

15 (c) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.166, the~~] fee for a
16 registration year for registration of a semitrailer used in the
17 manner described by Subsection (a), regardless of the date the
18 semitrailer is registered, is:

- 19 (1) \$30, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power
- 20 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has been issued; or
- 21 (2) \$15, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power
- 22 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has not been issued.

23 SECTION 10. Section 502.168, Transportation Code, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 502.168. FEE: MOTOR BUS. The fee for a registration
26 year for registration of a motor bus is the fee prescribed by
27 Section 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. [~~\$25 plus an amount~~

1 ~~determined according to the vehicle's gross weight, as follows:~~

2 ~~[Fee for each 100 pounds~~

3 ~~[Gross weight or~~

4 ~~[in pounds fraction of 100 pounds~~

5 ~~[1-6,000 \$0.44~~

6 ~~[6,001-8,000 0.495~~

7 ~~[8,001-10,000 0.605~~

8 ~~[10,001-17,000 0.715~~

9 ~~[17,001-24,000 0.77~~

10 ~~[24,001-31,000 0.88~~

11 ~~[31,001 and over 0.99]~~

12 SECTION 11. Subsection (b), Section 502.1705,
13 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 (b) The department may use money collected under this
15 section to provide for or enhance ~~[perform one or more of the~~
16 ~~following]:~~

17 (1) ~~[enhancing the department's automated~~
18 ~~registration and title system;~~

19 ~~[(2) providing for the automated on-site production of~~
20 ~~registration insignia; or~~

21 ~~[(3) providing for] automated on-premises and~~
22 ~~off-premises [self-service] registration; and~~

23 (2) services related to the titling of vehicles.

24 SECTION 12. The heading to Section 502.184, Transportation
25 Code, is amended to read as follows:

26 Sec. 502.184. REPLACEMENT OF ~~[LOST, STOLEN, OR MUTILATED~~
27 ~~LICENSE PLATE OR] REGISTRATION INSIGNIA.~~

1 SECTION 13. Subsections (a), (b), (e), and (f), Section
2 502.184, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

3 (a) The owner of a registered motor vehicle may obtain ~~[from~~
4 ~~the department through the county assessor-collector replacement~~
5 ~~license plates or]~~ a replacement registration insignia by:

6 (1) certifying ~~[filing with the assessor-collector a~~
7 ~~statement:~~

8 ~~[(A) showing that one or both of the license~~
9 ~~plates or the registration insignia to be replaced has been lost,~~
10 ~~stolen, or mutilated; and~~

11 ~~[(B) stating]~~ that the replacement ~~[no license~~
12 ~~plate or]~~ registration insignia ~~[to be replaced]~~ will not be used on
13 any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the
14 statement;

15 (2) paying a fee of \$6 ~~[\$5]~~ plus the fees required by
16 Section ~~[Sections 502.170(a) and]~~ 502.1705(a) for ~~[each set of~~
17 ~~replacement license plates or]~~ each replacement registration
18 insignia, except as provided by other law ~~[Subsection (b), (c), or~~
19 ~~(i)]~~; and

20 (3) returning ~~[to the assessor-collector]~~ each
21 replaced ~~[plate or]~~ registration insignia in the owner's
22 possession.

23 (b) No fee is required under this section if the replacement
24 fee for a license plate has been paid under Section 502.1841 ~~[for~~
25 ~~the replacement of lost, stolen, or mutilated specialized license~~
26 ~~plates issued under Sections 504.308 and 504.315(e) and (f)]~~. ~~[The~~
27 ~~fee for replacement of certain specialized license plates is:~~

1	[License plates issued under:	Fee:
2	[Section 504.411	\$2
3	[Section 504.409	\$9]

4 (e) A county assessor-collector may not issue ~~[replacement~~
5 ~~license plates or]~~ a replacement registration insignia without
6 complying with this section.

7 (f) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each
8 fee collected under this section and shall report and send the
9 remainder to the department ~~[as provided by Sections 502.102 and~~
10 ~~502.105]~~.

11 SECTION 14. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
12 is amended by adding Section 502.1841 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 502.1841. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The owner
14 of a registered motor vehicle may obtain replacement license plates
15 for the vehicle by:

16 (1) certifying that the replacement plates will not be
17 used on any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the
18 statement;

19 (2) paying a fee of \$6 plus the fee required by Section
20 502.1705(a) for each set of replacement license plates, unless
21 otherwise specified by law; and

22 (3) returning to the department each license plate in
23 the owner's possession for which a replacement license plate is
24 obtained.

25 (b) Replacement license plates may not be issued except as
26 provided by this section.

27 (c) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each

1 fee collected under this section and forward the remainder of the
2 fee to the department.

3 (d) The fee required by this section applies to the issuance
4 of license plates for a transferred used vehicle for which the
5 registration and license plates were not transferred under
6 Subchapter I.

7 SECTION 15. Subsection (d), Section 504.101,
8 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

9 (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of
10 personalized license plates to the same person before the sixth
11 anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for
12 issuance of replacement plates pays the [~~an additional~~] fee
13 required by Section 502.1841 [~~of \$30~~].

14 SECTION 16. Section 504.501, Transportation Code, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS.

17 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a
18 motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old. The license plates
19 must include the word "Classic" [~~words "Classic Auto," "Classic~~
20 ~~Motorcycle," or "Classic Truck"~~] or a similar designation, as
21 appropriate.

22 (b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use
23 license plates that were issued by this state in the same year as
24 the model year of the vehicle and are approved by the department if
25 the plates are approved for the vehicle before January 1, 2011. The
26 department may require the attachment of a registration insignia to
27 the license plate in a manner that does not affect the display of

1 information originally on the license plate.

2 (c) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance or approval of
3 license plates under this section [~~is \$15~~].

4 SECTION 17. Subsection (c), Section 504.505,
5 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 (c) There is no [~~The initial~~] fee for issuance of the
7 license plates [~~is \$8~~]. The license plates may be renewed without
8 payment of a fee.

9 SECTION 18. Subsection (b), Section 504.507,
10 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

11 (b) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance of the license plates
12 [~~is \$8~~]. The department shall:

13 (1) [~~also~~] collect any [~~additional~~] fee that a county
14 imposes under this chapter for registration of a forestry vehicle;
15 and

16 (2) send the fee to the appropriate county for
17 disposition.

18 SECTION 19. Subsection (b), Section 504.508,
19 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

20 (b) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance of the license plates
21 [~~is \$15~~].

22 SECTION 20. Section 504.509, Transportation Code, is
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Sec. 504.509. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO
25 EQUIPMENT. [~~(a)~~] The department shall issue specialty license
26 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license
27 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates

1 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The
2 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as
3 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may
4 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio
5 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue
6 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each
7 vehicle.

8 ~~[(b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$2 for the~~
9 ~~first year and \$1 for each subsequent year.]~~

10 SECTION 21. Subsection (b), Section 504.510,
11 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

12 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$6 [~~\$10~~].

13 SECTION 22. Subsection (a), Section 504.801,
14 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

15 (a) The department may create new specialty license plates
16 on its own initiative or on receipt of an application from a
17 potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created under
18 this section must comply with each requirement of Section 504.702
19 unless the license is created by the department on its own
20 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate
21 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an
22 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall
23 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate,
24 except that the department may require a nonrefundable design fee
25 ~~[lower deposit amount to reflect the actual costs of redesigning~~
26 ~~the license plate].~~

27 SECTION 23. The following provisions of the Transportation

1 Code are repealed:

2 (1) Section 502.007;

3 (2) Subsection (b), Section 502.161;

4 (3) Section 502.170;

5 (4) Subsection (c), Section 502.1705;

6 (5) Section 502.187;

7 (6) Subsection (c), Section 502.201;

8 (7) Section 502.453;

9 (8) Subsection (b), Section 504.409; and

10 (9) Section 504.5011.

11 SECTION 24. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.