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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1636 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to motor vehicle registration fees.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 502.160, Transportation Code, is amended
 1-13 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 502.160. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The fee for a
 1-15 registration year for registration of a motorcycle or moped is \$30.

1-16 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 502.161, Transportation
 1-17 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-18 Sec. 502.161. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH 6,000 POUNDS OR LESS
 1-19 [~~PASSENGER CAR, MUNICIPAL BUS, PRIVATE BUS~~].

1-20 SECTION 3. Subsection (a), Section 502.161, Transportation
 1-21 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-22 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 1-23 vehicle with a gross weight of [~~passenger car, a municipal bus, or a~~
 1-24 ~~private bus that weighs~~] 6,000 pounds or less is \$50.75, unless
 1-25 otherwise provided in this chapter[-

1-26 [~~(1) \$40.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 1-27 ~~more than six years before the year in which the registration year~~
 1-28 ~~begins,~~

1-29 [~~(2) \$50.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 1-30 ~~more than three years but is six years or less before the year in~~
 1-31 ~~which the registration year begins, or~~

1-32 [~~(3) \$58.50 for a vehicle the model year of which is~~
 1-33 ~~three years or less before the year in which the registration year~~
 1-34 ~~begins~~].

1-35 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 502.162, Transportation
 1-36 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-37 Sec. 502.162. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH MORE THAN 6,000
 1-38 POUNDS [~~COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRUCK-TRACTOR~~].

1-39 SECTION 5. Subsection (a), Section 502.162, Transportation
 1-40 Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-41 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 1-42 vehicle with a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds is [~~commercial~~
 1-43 ~~motor vehicle or truck-tractor is \$25 plus an amount determined~~
 1-44 ~~according to the vehicle's gross weight and tire equipment,~~] as
 1-45 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
[1-6,000	\$0.44	\$0.55
[6,001-8,000	0.495	0.66
[8,001-10,000	0.605	0.77
[10,001-17,000	0.715	0.88

2-1	[17,001-24,000	0.77	0.99
2-2	[24,001-31,000	0.88	1.10
2-3	[31,001 and over	0.99	1.32]

2-4 SECTION 6. Section 502.165, Transportation Code, is amended
 2-5 to read as follows:

2-6 Sec. 502.165. FEE: ROAD TRACTOR. The fee for a
 2-7 registration year for registration of a road tractor is the fee
 2-8 prescribed by [~~\$25 plus an amount determined according to the~~
 2-9 ~~vehicle's~~] weight as certified by a public weigher or a license and
 2-10 weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety under Section
 2-11 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. [~~as follows:~~

2-12 [~~Fee for each 100 pounds~~
 2-13 [~~Gross weight in~~ or
 2-14 [~~pounds~~ ~~fraction of 100 pounds~~

2-15			
2-16	[1-4,000	\$0.275	
2-17	[4,001-6,000	0.55	
2-18	[6,001-8,000	0.66	
2-19	[8,001-10,000	0.825	
2-20	[10,001 and over	1.10]	

2-21 SECTION 7. The heading to Section 502.166, Transportation
 2-22 Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-23 Sec. 502.166. FEE: TRAILER, TRAVEL TRAILER, OR
 2-24 SEMITRAILER.

2-25 SECTION 8. Section 502.166, Transportation Code, is amended
 2-26 by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
 2-27 follows:

2-28 (a) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 2-29 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a [~~is \$25 plus an~~
 2-30 ~~amount determined according to the vehicle's~~] gross weight of 6,000
 2-31 pounds or less is \$45.00.

2-32 (a-1) The fee for a registration year for registration of a
 2-33 trailer, travel trailer, or semitrailer with a gross weight of more
 2-34 than 6,000 pounds is calculated by gross weight according to
 2-35 Section 502.162. [~~and tire equipment, as follows:~~

2-36 [~~Gross weight~~ ~~Fee for each 100 pounds or~~
 2-37 [~~in pounds~~ ~~fraction of 100 pounds~~

2-38			
2-39		[Equipped with	[Equipped with
2-40		[pneumatic tires	[solid tires
2-41	[1-6,000	\$0.33	\$0.44
2-42	[6,001-8,000	0.44	0.55
2-43	[8,001-10,000	0.55	0.66
2-44	[10,001-17,000	0.66	0.88
2-45	[17,001 and over	0.715	0.99]

2-46 SECTION 9. Subsections (a), (b), and (c), Sections 502.167,
 2-47 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-48 (a) This section applies only to a truck-tractor or
 2-49 commercial motor vehicle with a gross weight [~~manufacturer's rated~~
 2-50 ~~carrying capacity~~] of more than 10,000 pounds [~~one ton~~] that is used
 2-51 or is to be used in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross
 2-52 weight of more than 6,000 pounds.

2-53 (b) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.162, the~~] fee for a
 2-54 registration year for registration of a truck-tractor or commercial
 2-55 motor vehicle is calculated by gross weight according to Section
 2-56 502.162. [~~\$40 plus an amount determined according to the combined~~
 2-57 ~~gross weight of the vehicles, as follows:~~

2-58 [~~Fee for each 100 pounds~~
 2-59 [~~Combined gross weight~~ or
 2-60 [~~in pounds~~ ~~fraction of 100 pounds~~

2-61	[18,000-36,000	\$0.60
2-62	[36,001-42,000	0.75
2-63	[42,001-62,000	0.90
2-64	[62,001 and over	1.00]

2-65 (c) The [~~Notwithstanding Section 502.166, the~~] fee for a
 2-66 registration year for registration of a semitrailer used in the
 2-67 manner described by Subsection (a), regardless of the date the
 2-68 semitrailer is registered, is:

2-69 (1) \$30, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power

3-1 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has been issued; or
3-2 (2) \$15, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power
3-3 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has not been issued.

3-4 SECTION 10. Section 502.168, Transportation Code, is
3-5 amended to read as follows:

3-6 Sec. 502.168. FEE: MOTOR BUS. The fee for a registration
3-7 year for registration of a motor bus is the fee prescribed by
3-8 Section 502.161 or 502.162, as applicable. ~~[\$25 plus an amount~~
3-9 ~~determined according to the vehicle's gross weight, as follows:~~

3-10		[Fee for each 100 pounds
3-11	[Gross weight	or
3-12	[in pounds	fraction of 100 pounds
3-13	[1-6,000	\$0.44
3-14	[6,001-8,000	0.495
3-15	[8,001-10,000	0.605
3-16	[10,001-17,000	0.715
3-17	[17,001-24,000	0.77
3-18	[24,001-31,000	0.88
3-19	[31,001 and over	0.99]

3-20 SECTION 11. Subsection (b), Section 502.1705,
3-21 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-22 (b) The department may use money collected under this
3-23 section to provide for or enhance ~~[perform one or more of the~~
3-24 ~~following]~~:

- 3-25 (1) ~~[enhancing the department's automated~~
3-26 ~~registration and title system;~~
- 3-27 ~~[(2) providing for the automated on-site production of~~
3-28 ~~registration insignia; or~~
- 3-29 ~~[(3) providing for] automated on-premises and~~
3-30 ~~off-premises [self-service] registration; and~~
- 3-31 (2) services related to the titling of vehicles.

3-32 SECTION 12. The heading to Section 502.184, Transportation
3-33 Code, is amended to read as follows:

3-34 Sec. 502.184. REPLACEMENT OF ~~[LOST, STOLEN, OR MUTILATED~~
3-35 ~~LICENSE PLATE OR] REGISTRATION INSIGNIA.~~

3-36 SECTION 13. Subsections (a), (b), (e), and (f), Sections
3-37 502.184, Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

3-38 (a) The owner of a registered motor vehicle may obtain ~~[from~~
3-39 ~~the department through the county assessor-collector replacement~~
3-40 ~~license plates or] a replacement registration insignia by:~~

- 3-41 (1) certifying ~~[filing with the assessor-collector a~~
3-42 ~~statement:~~
- 3-43 ~~[(A) showing that one or both of the license~~
3-44 ~~plates or the registration insignia to be replaced has been lost,~~
3-45 ~~stolen, or mutilated; and~~
- 3-46 ~~[(B) stating] that the replacement [no license~~
3-47 ~~plate or] registration insignia [to be replaced] will not be used on~~
3-48 ~~any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the~~
3-49 ~~statement;~~

3-50 (2) paying a fee of \$6 ~~[\$5]~~ plus the fees required by
3-51 Section ~~[Sections 502.170(a) and] 502.1705(a) for [each set of~~
3-52 ~~replacement license plates or] each replacement registration~~
3-53 ~~insignia, except as provided by other law [Subsection (b), (c), or~~
3-54 ~~(i)];~~ and

3-55 (3) returning ~~[to the assessor-collector] each~~
3-56 ~~replaced [plate or] registration insignia in the owner's~~
3-57 ~~possession.~~

3-58 (b) No fee is required under this section if the replacement
3-59 fee for a license plate has been paid under Section 502.1841 ~~[for~~
3-60 ~~the replacement of lost, stolen, or mutilated specialized license~~
3-61 ~~plates issued under Sections 504.308 and 504.315(e) and (f)]. [The~~
3-62 ~~fee for replacement of certain specialized license plates is:~~

3-63	[License plates issued under:	Fee:
3-64	[Section 504.411	\$2
3-65	[Section 504.409	\$9]

3-66 (e) A county assessor-collector may not issue ~~[replacement~~
3-67 ~~license plates or] a replacement registration insignia without~~
3-68 ~~complying with this section.~~

3-69 (f) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each

4-1 fee collected under this section and shall report and send the
4-2 remainder to the department [~~as provided by Sections 502.102 and~~
4-3 ~~502.105~~].

4-4 SECTION 14. Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,
4-5 is amended by adding Section 502.1841 to read as follows:

4-6 Sec. 502.1841. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a) The owner
4-7 of a registered motor vehicle may obtain replacement license plates
4-8 for the vehicle by:

4-9 (1) certifying that the replacement plates will not be
4-10 used on any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the
4-11 statement;

4-12 (2) paying a fee of \$6 plus the fee required by Section
4-13 502.1705(a) for each set of replacement license plates, unless
4-14 otherwise specified by law; and

4-15 (3) returning to the department each license plate in
4-16 the owner's possession for which a replacement license plate is
4-17 obtained.

4-18 (b) Replacement license plates may not be issued except as
4-19 provided by this section.

4-20 (c) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each
4-21 fee collected under this section and forward the remainder of the
4-22 fee to the department.

4-23 (d) The fee required by this section applies to the issuance
4-24 of license plates for a transferred used vehicle for which the
4-25 registration and license plates were not transferred under
4-26 Subchapter I.

4-27 SECTION 15. Subsection (d), Section 504.101,
4-28 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-29 (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of
4-30 personalized license plates to the same person before the sixth
4-31 anniversary of the date of issuance unless the applicant for
4-32 issuance of replacement plates pays the [~~an additional~~] fee
4-33 required by Section 502.1841 [~~of \$30~~].

4-34 SECTION 16. Section 504.501, Transportation Code, is
4-35 amended to read as follows:

4-36 Sec. 504.501. CLASSIC MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAVEL TRAILERS.

4-37 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for a
4-38 motor vehicle that is at least 25 years old. The license plates
4-39 must include the word "Classic" [~~words "Classic Auto," "Classic~~
4-40 ~~Motorcycle," or "Classic Truck"~~] or a similar designation, as
4-41 appropriate.

4-42 (b) A person eligible for the license plates may instead use
4-43 license plates that were issued by this state in the same year as
4-44 the model year of the vehicle and are approved by the department if
4-45 the plates are approved for the vehicle before January 1, 2011. The
4-46 department may require the attachment of a registration insignia to
4-47 the license plate in a manner that does not affect the display of
4-48 information originally on the license plate.

4-49 (c) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance or approval of
4-50 license plates under this section [~~is \$15~~].

4-51 SECTION 17. Subsection (c), Section 504.505,
4-52 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-53 (c) There is no [~~The initial~~] fee for issuance of the
4-54 license plates [~~is \$8~~]. The license plates may be renewed without
4-55 payment of a fee.

4-56 SECTION 18. Subsection (b), Section 504.507,
4-57 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-58 (b) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance of the license plates
4-59 [~~is \$8~~]. The department shall:

4-60 (1) [~~also~~] collect any [~~additional~~] fee that a county
4-61 imposes under this chapter for registration of a forestry vehicle;
4-62 and

4-63 (2) send the fee to the appropriate county for
4-64 disposition.

4-65 SECTION 19. Subsection (b), Section 504.508,
4-66 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

4-67 (b) There is no [~~The~~] fee for issuance of the license plates
4-68 [~~is \$15~~].

4-69 SECTION 20. Section 504.509, Transportation Code, is

5-1 amended to read as follows:

5-2 Sec. 504.509. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO
5-3 EQUIPMENT. [~~(a)~~] The department shall issue specialty license
5-4 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license
5-5 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates
5-6 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The
5-7 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as
5-8 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may
5-9 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio
5-10 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue
5-11 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each
5-12 vehicle.

5-13 [~~(b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$2 for the~~
5-14 ~~first year and \$1 for each subsequent year.~~]

5-15 SECTION 21. Subsection (b), Section 504.510,
5-16 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-17 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$6 [~~\$10~~].

5-18 SECTION 22. Subsection (a), Section 504.801,
5-19 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-20 (a) The department may create new specialty license plates
5-21 on its own initiative or on receipt of an application from a
5-22 potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created under
5-23 this section must comply with each requirement of Section 504.702
5-24 unless the license is created by the department on its own
5-25 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate
5-26 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an
5-27 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall
5-28 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate,
5-29 except that the department may require a nonrefundable design fee
5-30 [~~lower deposit amount to reflect the actual costs of redesigning~~
5-31 ~~the license plate~~].

5-32 SECTION 23. The following provisions of the Transportation
5-33 Code are repealed:

- 5-34 (1) Section 502.007;
- 5-35 (2) Subsection (b), Section 502.161;
- 5-36 (3) Section 502.170;
- 5-37 (4) Subsection (c), Section 502.1705;
- 5-38 (5) Section 502.187;
- 5-39 (6) Subsection (c), Section 502.201;
- 5-40 (7) Section 502.453;
- 5-41 (8) Subsection (b), Section 504.409; and
- 5-42 (9) Section 504.5011.

5-43 SECTION 24. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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