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H.B. No. 2137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of exempt license plates to certain open-enrollment charter school vehicles.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 502.202, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 502.202. GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES; PUBLIC SCHOOL BUSES; OPEN-ENROLLMENT CHARTER SCHOOL VEHICLES; FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES; COUNTY MARINE LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

SECTION 2. Section 502.202, Transportation Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer may annually apply for registration under Section 502.201 and is exempt from the payment of a registration fee under this chapter if the vehicle is:

(1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:

(A) the United States;

(B) this state; or

(C) a county, municipality, ~~or~~ school district, or open-enrollment charter school in this state;

(2) owned by a commercial transportation company and used exclusively to provide public school transportation services to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code, or to an

1 open-enrollment charter school;

2 (3) designed and used exclusively for fire fighting;

3 (4) owned by a volunteer fire department and used
4 exclusively in the conduct of department business; or

5 (5) privately owned and used by a volunteer
6 exclusively in county marine law enforcement activities, including
7 rescue operations, under the direction of the sheriff's department.

8 (c) In this section, "open-enrollment charter school" means
9 a school that has been granted a charter under Subchapter D or E,
10 Chapter 12, Education Code.

11 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.