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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2357 By: Hinojosa

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

1-10 relating to motor vehicles; providing penalties.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 501.002, Transportation Code, is amended  
1-13 to read as follows:  
1-14 Sec. 501.002. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:  
1-15 (1) "Certificate of title" means a printed record of  
1-16 title [an instrument] issued under Section 501.021.  
1-17 (2) "Credit card" means a card, plate, or similar  
1-18 device used to make a purchase or to borrow money.  
1-19 (3) "Dealer" has the meaning assigned by Section  
1-20 503.001 [~~means a person who purchases motor vehicles for sale at~~  
1-21 ~~retail~~].  
1-22 (4) "Debit card" means a card that enables the holder  
1-23 to withdraw money or to have the cost of a purchase charged directly  
1-24 to the holder's bank account.  
1-25 (5) [~~(3)~~] "Department" means the Texas Department of  
1-26 Motor Vehicles.  
1-27 (6) [~~(4)~~] "Distributor" has the meaning assigned by  
1-28 Section 2301.002, Occupations Code [~~means a person engaged in the~~  
1-29 business of selling to a dealer motor vehicles purchased from a  
1-30 manufacturer].  
1-31 (7) "Electric bicycle" has the meaning assigned by  
1-32 Section 541.201.  
1-33 (8) [~~(5)~~] "First sale" means:  
1-34 (A) the bargain, sale, transfer, or delivery of a  
1-35 motor vehicle that has not been previously registered or titled  
1-36 [~~licensed~~], with intent to pass an interest in the motor vehicle,  
1-37 other than a lien, regardless of where the bargain, sale, transfer,  
1-38 or delivery occurred; and  
1-39 (B) the registration or titling [~~licensing~~] of  
1-40 that vehicle.  
1-41 (9) [~~(6)~~] "House trailer" means a trailer designed for  
1-42 human habitation. The term does not include manufactured housing.  
1-43 (10) [~~(7)~~] "Importer" means a person, other than a  
1-44 manufacturer, that brings a used motor vehicle into this state for  
1-45 sale in this state.  
1-46 (11) [~~(8)~~] "Importer's certificate" means a  
1-47 certificate for a used motor vehicle brought into this state for  
1-48 sale in this state.  
1-49 (12) [~~(9)~~] "Lien" means:  
1-50 (A) a lien provided for by the constitution or  
1-51 statute in a motor vehicle;  
1-52 (B) a security interest, as defined by Section  
1-53 1.201, Business & Commerce Code, in a motor vehicle, other than an  
1-54 absolute title, created by any written security agreement, as  
1-55 defined by Section 9.102, Business & Commerce Code, including a  
1-56 lease, conditional sales contract, deed of trust, chattel mortgage,  
1-57 trust receipt, or reservation of title; or  
1-58 (C) a child support lien under Chapter 157,  
1-59 Family Code.  
1-60 (13) [~~(10)~~] "Manufactured housing" has the meaning  
1-61 assigned by Chapter 1201, Occupations Code.  
1-62 (14) [~~(11)~~] "Manufacturer" has the meaning assigned  
1-63 by Section 503.001 [~~means a person regularly engaged in the~~

2-1 ~~business of manufacturing or assembling new motor vehicles].~~  
2-2           (15) [~~(12)~~] "Manufacturer's permanent vehicle  
2-3 identification number" means the number affixed by the manufacturer  
2-4 to a motor vehicle in a manner and place easily accessible for  
2-5 physical examination and die-stamped or otherwise permanently  
2-6 affixed on one or more removable parts of the vehicle.  
2-7           (16) [~~(13)~~] "Motorcycle" has the meaning assigned by  
2-8 Section 521.001 or 541.201, as applicable [~~means a motor vehicle,~~  
2-9 ~~other than a tractor, designed to propel itself with not more than~~  
2-10 ~~three wheels in contact with the ground].~~  
2-11           (17) [~~(14)~~] "Motor vehicle" means:  
2-12           (A) any motor driven or propelled vehicle  
2-13 required to be registered under the laws of this state;  
2-14           (B) a trailer or semitrailer, other than  
2-15 manufactured housing, that has a gross vehicle weight that exceeds  
2-16 4,000 pounds;  
2-17           (C) a travel [~~house~~] trailer;  
2-18           (D) an all-terrain vehicle or a recreational  
2-19 off-highway vehicle, as those terms are defined by Section 502.001,  
2-20 designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use that is not  
2-21 required to be registered under the laws of this state; or  
2-22           (E) a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped  
2-23 that is not required to be registered under the laws of this state[~~r~~  
2-24 ~~other than a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or moped designed for~~  
2-25 ~~and used exclusively on a golf course].~~  
2-26           (18) [~~(15)~~] "New motor vehicle" has the meaning  
2-27 assigned by Section 2301.002, Occupations Code [~~means a motor~~  
2-28 ~~vehicle that has not been the subject of a first sale].~~  
2-29           (19) [~~(16)~~] "Owner" means [~~includes~~] a person, other  
2-30 than a manufacturer, importer, distributor, or dealer, claiming  
2-31 title to or having a right to operate under a lien a motor vehicle  
2-32 that has been subject to a first sale.  
2-33           (20) "Purchaser" means a person or entity to which a  
2-34 motor vehicle is donated, given, sold, or otherwise transferred.  
2-35           (21) "Record of title" means an electronic record of  
2-36 motor vehicle ownership in the department's motor vehicle database  
2-37 that is created under Subchapter I.  
2-38           (22) "Seller" means a person or entity that donates,  
2-39 gives, sells, or otherwise transfers ownership of a motor vehicle.  
2-40           (23) [~~(17)~~] "Semitrailer" means a vehicle that is  
2-41 designed or used with a motor vehicle so that part of the weight of  
2-42 the vehicle and its load rests on or is carried by another vehicle.  
2-43           (24) [~~(18)~~] "Serial number" means a vehicle  
2-44 identification number that is affixed to a part of a motor vehicle  
2-45 and that is:  
2-46           (A) the manufacturer's permanent vehicle  
2-47 identification number;  
2-48           (B) a derivative number of the manufacturer's  
2-49 permanent vehicle identification number;  
2-50           (C) the motor number; or  
2-51           (D) the vehicle identification number assigned  
2-52 by the department.  
2-53           (25) [~~(19)~~] "Steal" has the meaning assigned by  
2-54 Section 31.01, Penal Code.  
2-55           (26) [~~(20)~~] "Subsequent sale" means:  
2-56           (A) the bargain, sale, transfer, or delivery of a  
2-57 used motor vehicle [~~that has been previously registered or licensed~~  
2-58 ~~in this state or elsewhere], with intent to pass an interest in the~~  
2-59 ~~vehicle, other than a lien[, regardless of where the bargain, sale,~~  
2-60 ~~transfer, or delivery occurs]; and~~  
2-61           (B) the registration of the vehicle if  
2-62 registration is required under the laws of this state.  
2-63           (27) "Title" means a certificate or record of title  
2-64 that is issued under Section 501.021.  
2-65           (28) [~~(21)~~] "Title receipt" means a document [~~an~~  
2-66 ~~instrument]~~ issued under Section 501.024.  
2-67           (29) [~~(22)~~] "Trailer" means a vehicle that:  
2-68           (A) is designed or used to carry a load wholly on  
2-69 the trailer's own structure; and

3-1 (B) is drawn or designed to be drawn by a motor  
3-2 vehicle.  
3-3 (30) "Travel trailer" means a house trailer-type  
3-4 vehicle or a camper trailer:  
3-5 (A) that is a recreational vehicle defined under  
3-6 24 C.F.R. Section 3282.8(g); or  
3-7 (B) that:  
3-8 (i) is less than eight feet in width or 40  
3-9 feet in length, exclusive of any hitch installed on the vehicle;  
3-10 (ii) is designed primarily for use as  
3-11 temporary living quarters in connection with recreational,  
3-12 camping, travel, or seasonal use;  
3-13 (iii) is not used as a permanent dwelling;  
3-14 and  
3-15 (iv) is not a utility trailer, enclosed  
3-16 trailer, or other trailer that does not have human habitation as its  
3-17 primary function.  
3-18 (31) [~~23~~] "Used motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle  
3-19 that has been the subject of a first sale.  
3-20 (32) "Vehicle identification number" means:  
3-21 (A) the manufacturer's permanent vehicle  
3-22 identification number affixed by the manufacturer to the motor  
3-23 vehicle that is easily accessible for physical examination and  
3-24 permanently affixed on one or more removable parts of the vehicle;  
3-25 or  
3-26 (B) a serial number affixed to a part of a motor  
3-27 vehicle that is:  
3-28 (i) a derivative number of the  
3-29 manufacturer's permanent vehicle identification number;  
3-30 (ii) the motor number; or  
3-31 (iii) a vehicle identification number  
3-32 assigned by the department.  
3-33 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 501.003, Transportation  
3-34 Code, is amended to read as follows:  
3-35 Sec. 501.003. PURPOSE [~~CONSTRUCTION~~].  
3-36 SECTION 3. Section 501.004(a), Transportation Code, is  
3-37 amended to read as follows:  
3-38 (a) Except as provided by this section, this [~~This~~] chapter  
3-39 applies to all motor vehicles, including a motor vehicle owned by  
3-40 the state or a political subdivision of the state.  
3-41 SECTION 4. Section 501.131, Transportation Code, is  
3-42 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
3-43 redesignated as Section 501.0041, Transportation Code, and amended  
3-44 to read as follows:  
3-45 Sec. 501.0041 [~~501.131~~]. RULES; FORMS. (a) The  
3-46 department may adopt rules to administer this chapter.  
3-47 (b) The department shall post forms on the Internet and  
3-48 [~~(1) in addition to the forms required by this~~  
3-49 chapter, prescribe forms for a title receipt, manufacturer's  
3-50 certificate, and importer's certificate, and other forms the  
3-51 department determines necessary; and  
3-52 [~~(2)~~] provide each county assessor-collector with a  
3-53 sufficient supply of any necessary [~~the~~] forms on request.  
3-54 SECTION 5. Section 501.159, Transportation Code, is  
3-55 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
3-56 redesignated as Section 501.006, Transportation Code, and amended  
3-57 to read as follows:  
3-58 Sec. 501.006 [~~501.159~~]. ALIAS [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE. On  
3-59 receipt of a verified [~~written~~] request approved by the executive  
3-60 administrator of a law enforcement agency, the department may issue  
3-61 a [~~certificate of~~] title in the form requested by the executive  
3-62 administrator for a vehicle in an alias for the law enforcement  
3-63 agency's use in a covert criminal investigation.  
3-64 SECTION 6. Section 501.021, Transportation Code, is amended  
3-65 to read as follows:  
3-66 Sec. 501.021. [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE.  
3-67 (a) A motor vehicle [~~certificate of~~] title [~~is an instrument~~]  
3-68 issued by the department must include [~~that includes~~]:  
3-69 (1) the name and address of each [~~the~~] purchaser and

4-1 seller at the first sale or ~~[the transferee and transferor at]~~ a  
4-2 subsequent sale;  
4-3 (2) the make of the motor vehicle;  
4-4 (3) the body type of the vehicle;  
4-5 (4) the manufacturer's permanent vehicle  
4-6 identification number of the vehicle or the vehicle's motor number  
4-7 if the vehicle was manufactured before the date that stamping a  
4-8 permanent identification number on a motor vehicle was universally  
4-9 adopted;  
4-10 (5) the serial number for the vehicle;  
4-11 (6) the ~~[number on the vehicle's current Texas license~~  
4-12 ~~plates, if any,~~  
4-13 ~~[(7) a statement:~~  
4-14 ~~[(A) that no lien on the vehicle is recorded, or~~  
4-15 ~~[(B) of the] name and address of each lienholder~~  
4-16 and the date of each lien on the vehicle, listed in the  
4-17 chronological order in which the lien was recorded;  
4-18 (7) ~~[(8) a space for the signature of the owner of the~~  
4-19 ~~vehicle,~~  
4-20 ~~[(9)] a statement indicating rights of survivorship~~  
4-21 under Section 501.031;  
4-22 (8) ~~[(10)]~~ if the vehicle has an odometer, the  
4-23 odometer reading at the time of ~~[indicated by the]~~ application for  
4-24 the ~~[certificate of]~~ title; and  
4-25 (9) ~~[(11)]~~ any other information required by the  
4-26 department.  
4-27 (b) A printed certificate of title must bear the following  
4-28 statement on its face:  
4-29 "UNLESS OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW, IT IS A VIOLATION OF  
4-30 STATE LAW TO SIGN THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON ON A CERTIFICATE OF  
4-31 TITLE OR OTHERWISE GIVE FALSE INFORMATION ON A CERTIFICATE OF  
4-32 TITLE."  
4-33 (c) A ~~[certificate of]~~ title for a motor vehicle that has  
4-34 been the subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement under  
4-35 Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, must contain on its face a notice  
4-36 sufficient to inform a purchaser that the motor vehicle has been the  
4-37 subject of an ordered repurchase or replacement.  
4-38 SECTION 7. The heading to Section 501.022, Transportation  
4-39 Code, is amended to read as follows:  
4-40 Sec. 501.022. MOTOR VEHICLE ~~[CERTIFICATE OF]~~ TITLE  
4-41 REQUIRED.  
4-42 SECTION 8. Sections 501.022(a), (b), and (c),  
4-43 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:  
4-44 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle registered in this state:  
4-45 (1) except as provided by Section 501.029, shall apply  
4-46 for title to the vehicle; and  
4-47 (2) may not operate or permit the operation of the  
4-48 vehicle on a public highway until the owner obtains:  
4-49 (A) ~~[a certificate of] title and [for the vehicle~~  
4-50 ~~or until the owner obtains] registration for the vehicle; or~~  
4-51 (B) ~~[if] a receipt evidencing title for~~  
4-52 registration purposes only [to the vehicle is issued] under Section  
4-53 501.029 [501.029(b)].  
4-54 (b) A person may not operate a motor vehicle registered in  
4-55 this state on a public highway if the person knows or has reason to  
4-56 believe that the owner has not obtained a ~~[certificate of]~~ title for  
4-57 the vehicle.  
4-58 (c) The owner of a motor vehicle that is required to be  
4-59 titled and registered in this state must obtain ~~[apply for]~~ a  
4-60 ~~[certificate of] title to [of] the vehicle before selling or~~  
4-61 ~~disposing of the vehicle.~~  
4-62 SECTION 9. The heading to Section 501.023, Transportation  
4-63 Code, is amended to read as follows:  
4-64 Sec. 501.023. APPLICATION FOR ~~[CERTIFICATE OF]~~ TITLE.  
4-65 SECTION 10. Section 501.023, Transportation Code, is  
4-66 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (c) and adding  
4-67 Subsection (e) to read as follows:  
4-68 (a) The owner of a motor vehicle must present identification  
4-69 and apply for a ~~[certificate of]~~ title as prescribed by the

5-1 department, unless otherwise exempted by law. To obtain a title,  
5-2 the owner must apply:

5-3 (1) to the county assessor-collector in the county in  
5-4 which:

5-5 (A) the owner is domiciled; or

5-6 (B) the motor vehicle is purchased or encumbered;

5-7 or [and]

5-8 (2) if the county in which the owner resides has been  
5-9 declared by the governor as a disaster area, to the county  
5-10 assessor-collector in one of the closest unaffected counties to a  
5-11 county that asks for assistance and:

5-12 (A) continues to be declared by the governor as a  
5-13 disaster area because the county has been rendered inoperable by  
5-14 the disaster; and

5-15 (B) is inoperable for a protracted period of time  
5-16 [on a form prescribed by the department].

5-17 (b) The assessor-collector shall send the application to  
5-18 the department or enter it into the department's titling system  
5-19 within 72 [not later than 24] hours after receipt of [receiving] the  
5-20 application.

5-21 (c) The owner or a lessee of a commercial motor vehicle  
5-22 operating under the International Registration Plan or other  
5-23 agreement described by Section 502.091 [502.054] that is applying  
5-24 for a [certificate of] title for purposes of registration only may  
5-25 apply [must be made] directly to the department. Notwithstanding  
5-26 Section 501.138(a), an applicant for registration under this  
5-27 subsection shall pay [the department] the fee imposed by that  
5-28 section. The [department shall send the] fee shall be distributed  
5-29 to the appropriate county assessor-collector [for distribution] in  
5-30 the manner provided by Section 501.138.

5-31 (e) Applications submitted to the department electronically  
5-32 must request the purchaser's choice of county as stated in  
5-33 Subsection (a) as the recipient of all taxes, fees, and other  
5-34 revenue collected as a result of the transaction.

5-35 SECTION 11. Sections 501.0234(a), (b), (d), and (e),  
5-36 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

5-37 (a) A person who sells at the first or a subsequent sale a  
5-38 motor vehicle and who holds a general distinguishing number issued  
5-39 under Chapter 503 of this code or Chapter 2301, Occupations Code,  
5-40 shall:

5-41 (1) except as provided by this section, in the time and  
5-42 manner provided by law, apply, in the name of the purchaser of the  
5-43 vehicle, for the registration of the vehicle, if the vehicle is to  
5-44 be registered, and a [certificate of] title for the vehicle and file  
5-45 with the appropriate designated agent each document necessary to  
5-46 transfer title to or register the vehicle; and at the same time

5-47 (2) remit any required motor vehicle sales tax.

5-48 (b) This section does not apply to a motor vehicle:

5-49 (1) that has been declared a total loss by an insurance  
5-50 company in the settlement or adjustment of a claim;

5-51 (2) for which the [certificate of] title has been  
5-52 surrendered in exchange for:

5-53 (A) a salvage vehicle title or salvage record of  
5-54 title issued under this chapter;

5-55 (B) a nonrepairable vehicle title or  
5-56 nonrepairable vehicle record of title issued under this chapter or  
5-57 Subchapter D, Chapter 683; or

5-58 (C) [a certificate of authority issued under  
5-59 Subchapter D, Chapter 683; or

5-60 [(-D)] an ownership document issued by another  
5-61 state that is comparable to a document described by Paragraph (A) or  
5-62 (B) [Paragraphs (A)-(C)];

5-63 (3) with a gross weight in excess of 11,000 pounds; or

5-64 (4) purchased by a commercial fleet buyer who is a  
5-65 full-service deputy under Section 520.008 [502.114] and who  
5-66 utilizes the dealer title application process developed to provide  
5-67 a method to submit title transactions to the county in which the  
5-68 commercial fleet buyer is a full-service deputy.

5-69 (d) A seller who applies for the registration or a

6-1 [~~certificate of~~] title for a motor vehicle under Subsection (a)(1)  
6-2 shall apply in the county as directed by the purchaser from the  
6-3 counties set forth in Section 501.023 [~~of this code~~].

6-4 (e) The department shall develop [~~promulgate~~] a form or  
6-5 electronic process in [on] which the purchaser of a motor vehicle  
6-6 shall designate the purchaser's choice as set out in Section  
6-7 501.023 as the recipient of all taxes, fees, and other revenue  
6-8 collected as a result of the transaction, which the tax  
6-9 assessor-collector is authorized by law to retain. A seller shall  
6-10 make that form or electronic process available to the purchaser of a  
6-11 vehicle at the time of purchase.

6-12 SECTION 12. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
6-13 is amended by adding Section 501.0235 to read as follows:

6-14 Sec. 501.0235. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FOR  
6-15 OBTAINING TITLE. (a) The department may require an applicant for a  
6-16 title to provide current personal identification as determined by  
6-17 department rule.

6-18 (b) Any identification number required by the department  
6-19 under this section may be entered in the department's electronic  
6-20 titling system but may not be printed on the title.

6-21 SECTION 13. Section 501.024, Transportation Code, is  
6-22 amended to read as follows:

6-23 Sec. 501.024. TITLE RECEIPT. (a) A county  
6-24 assessor-collector who receives an application for a [~~certificate~~  
6-25 ~~of~~] title shall issue a title receipt to the applicant containing  
6-26 the information concerning the motor vehicle required for issuance  
6-27 of a title under Section 501.021 or Subchapter I [7] after:

6-28 (1) the requirements of this chapter are met,  
6-29 including the payment of the fees required under Section 501.138;  
6-30 and

6-31 (2) the [7, issue a title receipt on which is noted]  
6-32 information is entered into the department's titling system  
6-33 [concerning the motor vehicle required for the certificate of title  
6-34 under Section 501.021, including a statement of the existence of  
6-35 each lien as disclosed on the application or a statement that no  
6-36 lien is disclosed].

6-37 (b) If a lien is not disclosed on the application for a  
6-38 [~~certificate of~~] title, the assessor-collector shall issue a [mark  
6-39 the] title receipt ["original" and deliver it] to the applicant.

6-40 (c) If a lien is disclosed on the application for a  
6-41 [~~certificate of~~] title, the assessor-collector shall issue a  
6-42 duplicate title receipt to the lienholder [receipts. The  
6-43 assessor-collector shall:

6-44 (1) mark one receipt "original" and mail or deliver  
6-45 it to the first lienholder disclosed on the application; and

6-46 (2) mark the second receipt "duplicate original" and  
6-47 mail or deliver it to the address of the applicant provided on the  
6-48 application].

6-49 (d) A title receipt with registration or permit authorizes  
6-50 the operation of the motor vehicle on a public highway in this state  
6-51 for 10 days or until the [~~certificate of~~] title is issued, whichever  
6-52 period is shorter.

6-53 SECTION 14. Section 501.025, Transportation Code, is  
6-54 amended to read as follows:

6-55 Sec. 501.025. [TITLE RECEIPT REQUIRED ON FIRST SALE,]  
6-56 MANUFACTURER'S CERTIFICATE REQUIRED ON FIRST SALE. A county  
6-57 assessor-collector may not issue a title receipt on the first sale  
6-58 of a motor vehicle unless the applicant for the [~~certificate of~~]  
6-59 title provides [~~to the assessor-collector~~] the application for a  
6-60 [~~certificate of~~] title and a manufacturer's certificate in [7, on] a  
6-61 manner [form] prescribed by the department [7, that:

6-62 (1) is assigned to the applicant by the manufacturer,  
6-63 distributor, or dealer shown on the manufacturer's certificate as  
6-64 the last transferee; and

6-65 (2) shows the transfer of the vehicle from its  
6-66 manufacturer to the purchaser, whether a distributor, dealer, or  
6-67 owner, and each subsequent transfer from distributor to dealer,  
6-68 dealer to dealer, and dealer to applicant].

6-69 SECTION 15. Section 501.027, Transportation Code, is

7-1 amended to read as follows:

7-2 Sec. 501.027. ISSUANCE OF ~~[CERTIFICATE OF]~~ TITLE. (a) On  
7-3 the day that a county assessor-collector issues a title receipt, a  
7-4 copy of the title receipt and all evidence of title ~~[the~~  
7-5 ~~assessor-collector]~~ shall be submitted ~~[mail]~~ to the department in  
7-6 the period specified in Section 501.023(b) [+

7-7 (1) a copy of the receipt, and

7-8 (2) the evidence of title delivered to the  
7-9 assessor-collector by the applicant].

7-10 (b) Not later than the fifth day after the date the  
7-11 department receives an application for a ~~[certificate of]~~ title and  
7-12 the department determines the requirements of this chapter are met:

7-13 (1) the [the department shall issue the certificate  
7-14 of] title shall be issued to the first lienholder or to the  
7-15 applicant if [If] a lien is not disclosed on the application; or

7-16 (2) [the department shall notify [send the  
7-17 certificate by first class mail to] the applicant that the  
7-18 department's titling system has established a record of title of  
7-19 the motor vehicle in the applicant's name if a lien is not disclosed  
7-20 [at the address provided on the application]. If a lien is  
7-21 disclosed on the application, the department shall notify [send]  
7-22 the [certificate by first class mail to the first] lienholder that  
7-23 the lien has been recorded [as disclosed on the application].

7-24 SECTION 16. Section 501.0275, Transportation Code, is  
7-25 amended to read as follows:

7-26 Sec. 501.0275. ISSUANCE OF TITLE FOR UNREGISTERED VEHICLE.

7-27 (a) The department shall issue a ~~[certificate of]~~ title for a  
7-28 motor vehicle that complies with the other requirements ~~[for~~  
7-29 ~~issuance of a certificate of title]~~ under this chapter unless  
7-30 [except that]:

7-31 (1) the vehicle is not registered for a reason other  
7-32 than a reason provided by Section 501.051(a)(6) [501.051(6)]; and

7-33 (2) the applicant does not provide evidence of  
7-34 financial responsibility that complies with Section 502.046  
7-35 [502.153].

7-36 (b) On application for a ~~[certificate of]~~ title under this  
7-37 section, the applicant must surrender any license plates issued for  
7-38 the motor vehicle if the plates are not being transferred to another  
7-39 vehicle and any registration insignia for validation of those  
7-40 plates to the department.

7-41 SECTION 17. Section 501.0276, Transportation Code, is  
7-42 amended to read as follows:

7-43 Sec. 501.0276. DENIAL OF TITLE RECEIPT, ~~[OR CERTIFICATE OF]~~  
7-44 TITLE, OR RECORD OF TITLE FOR FAILURE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF EMISSIONS  
7-45 TESTING. A county assessor-collector may not issue a title receipt  
7-46 and the department may not issue a certificate of title for a  
7-47 vehicle subject to Section 548.3011 unless proof that the vehicle  
7-48 has passed a vehicle emissions test as required by that section, in  
7-49 a manner [form] authorized by that section, is presented to the  
7-50 county assessor-collector with the application for a [certificate  
7-51 of] title.

7-52 SECTION 18. Section 501.029, Transportation Code, is  
7-53 amended to read as follows:

7-54 Sec. 501.029. ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF OWNERSHIP [USE OF  
7-55 REGISTRATION RECEIPT OR TITLE RECEIPT TO EVIDENCE TITLE]. [(a) A  
7-56 person may use a registration receipt issued under Chapter 502 or a  
7-57 title receipt to evidence title to a motor vehicle and not to  
7-58 transfer an interest in or establish a lien on the vehicle.

7-59 [(b)] The board [department] by rule may provide a list of  
7-60 the documents required for the issuance of a receipt that evidences  
7-61 title to a motor vehicle for registration purposes only. The fee  
7-62 for application for the receipt is the fee applicable to  
7-63 application for a [certificate of] title. The title receipt may not  
7-64 be used to transfer an interest in or establish a lien on the  
7-65 vehicle.

7-66 SECTION 19. Sections 501.030(b), (d), (e), (f), and (g),  
7-67 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

7-68 (b) Before a motor vehicle that was not manufactured for  
7-69 sale or distribution in the United States may be titled in this

8-1 state, the applicant must:

8-2 (1) provide to the assessor-collector:

8-3 (A) a bond release letter, with all attachments,  
8-4 issued by the United States Department of Transportation  
8-5 acknowledging:

8-6 (i) receipt of a statement of compliance  
8-7 submitted by the importer of the vehicle; and

8-8 (ii) that the statement meets the safety  
8-9 requirements of 19 C.F.R. Section 12.80(e);

8-10 (B) a bond release letter, with all attachments,  
8-11 issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency stating  
8-12 that the vehicle has been tested and shown to conform to federal  
8-13 emission requirements; and

8-14 (C) a receipt or certificate issued by the United  
8-15 States Department of the Treasury showing that all gas guzzler  
8-16 taxes due on the vehicle under 26 U.S.C. Section 4064(a) have been  
8-17 paid; or

8-18 (2) provide to the assessor-collector proof,  
8-19 satisfactory to the department, [~~assessor-collector~~] that the  
8-20 vehicle was not brought into the United States from outside [~~of~~] the  
8-21 country.

8-22 (d) If a motor vehicle has not been titled or registered in  
8-23 the United States, the application for [~~certificate of~~] title must  
8-24 be accompanied by:

8-25 (1) a manufacturer's certificate of origin written in  
8-26 English issued by the vehicle manufacturer;

8-27 (2) the original documents that constitute valid proof  
8-28 of ownership in the country where the vehicle was originally  
8-29 purchased, with an English translation of the documents verified as  
8-30 to the accuracy of the translation by an affidavit of the  
8-31 translator; or

8-32 (3) if the vehicle was imported from a country that  
8-33 cancels the vehicle registration and title for export, the  
8-34 documents assigned to the vehicle after the registration and title  
8-35 were canceled, with an English translation of the documents  
8-36 verified as to the accuracy of the translation by an affidavit of  
8-37 the translator.

8-38 (e) Before a motor vehicle that is required to be registered  
8-39 in this state and that is brought into this state by a person other  
8-40 than a manufacturer or importer may be bargained, sold,  
8-41 transferred, or delivered with an intent to pass an interest in the  
8-42 vehicle or encumbered by a lien, the owner must apply for a  
8-43 [~~certificate of~~] title in [~~on~~] a manner [~~form~~] prescribed by the  
8-44 department to the county assessor-collector for the county in which  
8-45 the transaction is to take place. The assessor-collector may not  
8-46 issue a title receipt unless the applicant delivers to the  
8-47 assessor-collector satisfactory evidence [~~of title~~] showing that  
8-48 the applicant is the owner of the vehicle and that the vehicle is  
8-49 free of any undisclosed liens.

8-50 (f) A county assessor-collector may not be held liable for  
8-51 civil damages arising out of the assessor-collector's failure to  
8-52 reflect on the title receipt a lien or encumbrance on a motor  
8-53 vehicle to which Subsection (e) applies unless the  
8-54 [~~assessor-collector's~~] failure constitutes wilful or wanton  
8-55 negligence.

8-56 (g) Until an applicant has complied with this section:

8-57 (1) a county assessor-collector may not accept an  
8-58 application for [~~certificate of~~] title; and

8-59 (2) the applicant is not entitled to an appeal as  
8-60 provided by Sections 501.052 and 501.053.

8-61 SECTION 20. Section 501.031, Transportation Code, is  
8-62 amended to read as follows:

8-63 Sec. 501.031. RIGHTS OF SURVIVORSHIP AGREEMENT. (a) The  
8-64 department shall include on each [~~certificate of~~] title an optional  
8-65 [~~a~~] rights of survivorship agreement that [~~form. The form must~~]:

8-66 (1) provides [~~provide~~] that if the agreement is  
8-67 between [~~signed by~~] two or more eligible persons, the motor vehicle  
8-68 is held jointly by those persons with the interest of a person who  
8-69 dies to transfer [~~survive~~] to the surviving person or persons; and



9-1 (2) provides [~~provide blanks~~] for the acknowledgment  
9-2 by signature, either electronically or by hand, [signatures] of the  
9-3 persons.

9-4 (b) If the vehicle is registered in the name of one or more  
9-5 of the persons who acknowledged [~~signed~~] the agreement, the  
9-6 [~~certificate of~~] title may contain a:

9-7 (1) rights of survivorship agreement acknowledged  
9-8 [~~signed~~] by all the persons; or

9-9 (2) remark if a rights of survivorship agreement is  
9-10 [~~surrendered with the application for certificate of title or~~  
9-11 ~~otherwise~~] on file with the department.

9-12 (c) Ownership [~~Except as provided in Subsection (g),~~  
9-13 ~~ownership~~] of the vehicle may be transferred only:

9-14 (1) by all the persons acting jointly, if all the  
9-15 persons are alive; and

9-16 (2) on the death of one of the persons by the surviving  
9-17 person or persons by transferring ownership of the vehicle [~~the~~  
9-18 ~~certificate of title~~], in the manner otherwise required by law [~~for~~  
9-19 ~~transfer of ownership of the vehicle~~], with a copy of the death  
9-20 certificate of the deceased person [~~attached to the certificate of~~  
9-21 ~~title application~~].

9-22 (d) A rights of survivorship agreement under this section  
9-23 may be revoked only if [~~by surrender of the certificate of title to~~  
9-24 ~~the department and joint application by~~] the persons named in [~~who~~  
9-25 ~~signed~~] the agreement file a joint application for a new title in  
9-26 the name of the person or persons designated in the application.

9-27 (e) A person is eligible to file [~~sign~~] a rights of  
9-28 survivorship agreement under this section if the person:

9-29 (1) is married and the spouse of the [~~signing~~] person  
9-30 is the only other party to the agreement;

9-31 (2) is unmarried and attests to that unmarried status  
9-32 by affidavit; or

9-33 (3) is married and provides the department with an  
9-34 affidavit from the [~~signing~~] person's spouse that attests that the  
9-35 [~~signing~~] person's interest in the vehicle is the [~~signing~~]  
9-36 person's separate property.

9-37 (f) The department may develop an optional electronic [~~If~~  
9-38 ~~the title is being issued in connection with the sale of the~~  
9-39 ~~vehicle, the seller is not eligible to sign a~~] rights of  
9-40 survivorship agreement for public use [~~under this section unless~~  
9-41 ~~the seller is the child, grandchild, parent, grandparent, brother,~~  
9-42 ~~or sister of each other person signing the agreement. A family~~  
9-43 ~~relationship required by this subsection may be a relationship~~  
9-44 ~~established by adoption.~~

9-45 [~~(g) If an agreement, other than the agreement provided for~~  
9-46 ~~in Subsection (a), providing for right of survivorship is signed by~~  
9-47 ~~two or more persons, the department shall issue a new certificate of~~  
9-48 ~~title to the surviving person or persons upon application~~  
9-49 ~~accompanied by a copy of the death certificate of the deceased~~  
9-50 ~~person. The department may develop for public use under this~~  
9-51 ~~subsection an optional rights of survivorship agreement form].~~

9-52 SECTION 21. Section 501.032, Transportation Code, is  
9-53 amended to read as follows:

9-54 Sec. 501.032. ASSIGNMENT OF VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION  
9-55 [~~SERIAL~~] NUMBER BY DEPARTMENT. (a) On proper application, the  
9-56 department shall assign a vehicle identification [~~a serial~~] number  
9-57 to a travel [~~house~~] trailer, a trailer or semitrailer that has a  
9-58 gross vehicle weight that exceeds 4,000 pounds, or an item of  
9-59 equipment, including a tractor, farm implement, unit of special  
9-60 mobile equipment, or unit of off-road construction equipment on  
9-61 which:

9-62 (1) a vehicle identification [~~a serial~~] number was not  
9-63 die-stamped by the manufacturer; or

9-64 (2) a vehicle identification [~~the serial~~] number  
9-65 die-stamped by the manufacturer has been lost, removed, or  
9-66 obliterated.

9-67 (b) The applicant shall die-stamp the assigned vehicle  
9-68 identification [~~serial~~] number at the place designated by the  
9-69 department on the travel [~~house~~] trailer, trailer, semitrailer, or

10-1 equipment.

10-2 (c) The manufacturer's vehicle identification [~~serial~~]  
10-3 number or the vehicle identification [~~serial~~] number assigned by  
10-4 the department shall be affixed on the carriage or axle part of the  
10-5 travel [~~house~~] trailer, trailer, or semitrailer. The department  
10-6 shall use the number as the major identification of the vehicle in  
10-7 the issuance of a [~~certificate of~~] title.

10-8 SECTION 22. Sections 501.033(a), (b), and (d),  
10-9 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

10-10 (a) A person determined by law enforcement [~~the department~~]  
10-11 or a court to be the owner of a motor vehicle, a part of a motor  
10-12 vehicle, or an item of equipment including a tractor, farm  
10-13 implement, unit of special mobile equipment, or unit of off-road  
10-14 construction equipment [~~that has had the serial number removed,~~  
10-15 ~~altered, or obliterated~~] may apply to the department for an  
10-16 assigned vehicle identification number that has been removed,  
10-17 altered, or obliterated.

10-18 (b) An application under this section must be in [~~on~~] a  
10-19 manner [~~form~~] prescribed [~~and furnished~~] by the department and  
10-20 accompanied by [~~the certificate of title for the vehicle or other~~]  
10-21 valid evidence of ownership as required by the department [~~if there~~  
10-22 ~~is no certificate of title~~].

10-23 (d) The assigned vehicle identification number shall be  
10-24 die-stamped or otherwise affixed [~~to the motor vehicle, part, or~~  
10-25 ~~item of equipment at the location and~~] in the manner designated by  
10-26 the department.

10-27 SECTION 23. Section 520.011, Transportation Code, is  
10-28 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
10-29 redesignated as Section 501.0331, Transportation Code, and amended  
10-30 to read as follows:

10-31 Sec. 501.0331 [~~520.011~~]. MOTOR NUMBER REQUIRED FOR  
10-32 [~~VEHICLE~~] REGISTRATION [~~;~~ PENALTY]. [~~(a)~~] A person may not apply  
10-33 to the county assessor-collector for the registration of a motor  
10-34 vehicle from which the original motor number has been removed,  
10-35 erased, or destroyed until the motor vehicle bears the motor number  
10-36 assigned by the department.

10-37 [~~(b) A person commits an offense if the person violates this~~  
10-38 ~~section. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor~~  
10-39 ~~punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100.~~]

10-40 SECTION 24. Section 520.012, Transportation Code, is  
10-41 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
10-42 redesignated as Section 501.0332, Transportation Code, and amended  
10-43 to read as follows:

10-44 Sec. 501.0332 [~~520.012~~]. APPLICATION FOR MOTOR NUMBER  
10-45 RECORD [~~;~~ RECORD, PENALTY]. (a) To obtain a motor number assigned  
10-46 by the department, the owner of a motor vehicle that has had the  
10-47 original motor number removed, erased, or destroyed must file a  
10-48 sworn application with the department.

10-49 (b) The department shall maintain a record of [~~separate~~  
10-50 ~~register for recording~~] each motor number assigned by the  
10-51 department that includes [~~For each motor number assigned by the~~  
10-52 ~~department, the record must indicate~~]:

- 10-53 (1) the motor number assigned by the department;  
10-54 (2) the name and address of the owner of the motor  
10-55 vehicle; and  
10-56 (3) the make, model, and year of manufacture of the  
10-57 motor vehicle.

10-58 [~~(c) A person who fails to comply with this section commits~~  
10-59 ~~an offense. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor~~  
10-60 ~~punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$100.~~]

10-61 SECTION 25. Section 501.034, Transportation Code, is  
10-62 amended to read as follows:

10-63 Sec. 501.034. ISSUANCE OF TITLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCY. The  
10-64 department may issue a [~~certificate of~~] title to a government  
10-65 agency if a vehicle or part of a vehicle is:

- 10-66 (1) forfeited to the government agency;  
10-67 (2) delivered by court order under the Code of  
10-68 Criminal Procedure to a government agency for official purposes; or  
10-69 (3) sold as abandoned or unclaimed property under the

11-1 Code of Criminal Procedure.

11-2 SECTION 26. Section 501.035, Transportation Code, is  
11-3 amended to read as follows:

11-4 Sec. 501.035. [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE FOR FORMER MILITARY  
11-5 VEHICLE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the department shall  
11-6 issue a [~~certificate of~~] title for a former military vehicle [~~that~~  
11-7 ~~is not registered under the laws of this state~~] if all [~~other~~]  
11-8 requirements for issuance of a [~~certificate of~~] title are met.

11-9 (b) In this section, "former military vehicle" has the  
11-10 meaning assigned by Section 504.502(i) [~~502.275(e)~~].

11-11 SECTION 27. Section 501.036, Transportation Code, is  
11-12 amended to read as follows:

11-13 Sec. 501.036. [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE FOR FARM SEMITRAILER.

11-14 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the  
11-15 department may issue a [~~certificate of~~] title for a farm  
11-16 semitrailer with a gross weight of more than 4,000 pounds if:

11-17 (1) the farm semitrailer is eligible for registration  
11-18 under Section 502.146 [~~504.504~~]; and

11-19 (2) all other requirements for issuance of a  
11-20 [~~certificate of~~] title are met.

11-21 (b) To obtain a [~~certificate of~~] title under this section,  
11-22 the owner of the farm semitrailer must:

11-23 (1) apply for the [~~certificate of~~] title in the manner  
11-24 required by Section 501.023; and

11-25 (2) pay the fee required by Section 501.138.

11-26 (c) The department shall adopt rules [~~and forms~~] to  
11-27 implement and administer this section.

11-28 SECTION 28. Section 501.051, Transportation Code, is  
11-29 amended to read as follows:

11-30 Sec. 501.051. GROUNDS FOR REFUSAL TO ISSUE OR FOR  
11-31 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF TITLE [~~CERTIFICATE~~]. (a) A title may  
11-32 be refused, canceled, suspended, or revoked by the [~~The~~] department  
11-33 [~~shall refuse to issue a certificate of title or shall suspend or~~  
11-34 ~~revoke a certificate of title~~] if:

11-35 (1) the application [~~for the certificate~~] contains a  
11-36 false or fraudulent statement;

11-37 (2) the applicant failed to furnish required  
11-38 information requested by the department;

11-39 (3) the applicant is not entitled to a [~~certificate~~  
11-40 ~~of~~] title;

11-41 (4) the department has reason to believe that the  
11-42 motor vehicle is stolen;

11-43 (5) the department has reason to believe that the  
11-44 issuance of a [~~certificate of~~] title would defraud the owner or a  
11-45 lienholder of the motor vehicle;

11-46 (6) the registration for the motor vehicle is  
11-47 suspended or revoked; or

11-48 (7) the required fee has not been paid.

11-49 (b) The department may rescind, cancel, or revoke an  
11-50 application for a title if a notarized affidavit is presented  
11-51 containing:

11-52 (1) a statement that the vehicle involved was a new  
11-53 motor vehicle in the process of a first sale;

11-54 (2) a statement that the dealer, the applicant, and  
11-55 any lienholder have canceled the sale;

11-56 (3) a statement that the vehicle:

11-57 (A) was never in the possession of the title  
11-58 applicant; or

11-59 (B) was in the possession of the title applicant;  
11-60 and

11-61 (4) the signatures of the dealer, the applicant, and  
11-62 any lienholder.

11-63 (c) A rescission, cancellation, or revocation containing  
11-64 the statement authorized under Subsection (b)(3)(B) does not negate  
11-65 the fact that the vehicle has been the subject of a previous retail  
11-66 sale.

11-67 SECTION 29. The heading to Section 501.052, Transportation  
11-68 Code, is amended to read as follows:

11-69 Sec. 501.052. HEARING ON REFUSAL TO ISSUE OR REVOCATION OR

12-1 SUSPENSION OF [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE; APPEAL.

12-2 SECTION 30. Sections 501.052(a), (d), and (e),  
12-3 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

12-4 (a) An interested person aggrieved by a refusal,  
12-5 rescission, cancellation, suspension, or revocation under Section  
12-6 501.051 may apply for a hearing to the county assessor-collector  
12-7 for the county in which the person is a resident [~~domiciled~~]. On  
12-8 the day an assessor-collector receives the application, the  
12-9 assessor-collector shall notify the department of the date of the  
12-10 hearing.

12-11 (d) A determination of the assessor-collector is binding on  
12-12 the applicant and the department as to whether the department  
12-13 correctly refused to issue or correctly rescinded, canceled,  
12-14 revoked, or suspended the [~~certificate of~~] title.

12-15 (e) An applicant aggrieved by the determination under  
12-16 Subsection (d) may appeal to the county court of the county of the  
12-17 applicant's residence. An applicant must file an appeal not later  
12-18 than the fifth day after the date of the assessor-collector's  
12-19 determination. The county court judge shall try the appeal in the  
12-20 manner of other civil cases. All rights and immunities granted in  
12-21 the trial of a civil case are available to the interested parties.  
12-22 If the department's action is not sustained, the department shall  
12-23 promptly issue a [~~certificate of~~] title for the vehicle.

12-24 SECTION 31. Section 501.053, Transportation Code, is  
12-25 amended by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (d) and adding  
12-26 Subsection (e) to read as follows:

12-27 (a) As an alternative to the procedure provided by Section  
12-28 501.052, the person may file a bond with the department. On the  
12-29 filing of the bond the person [~~department~~] may obtain a [~~issue the~~  
12-30 ~~certificate of~~] title.

12-31 (b) The bond must be:

12-32 (1) in the manner [~~form~~] prescribed by the department;  
12-33 (2) executed by the applicant;  
12-34 (3) issued by a person authorized to conduct a surety  
12-35 business in this state;

12-36 (4) in an amount equal to one and one-half times the  
12-37 value of the vehicle as determined by the department, which may set  
12-38 an appraisal system by rule if it is unable to determine that value;  
12-39 and

12-40 (5) conditioned to indemnify all prior owners and  
12-41 lienholders and all subsequent purchasers of the vehicle or persons  
12-42 who acquire a security interest in the vehicle, and their  
12-43 successors in interest, against any expense, loss, or damage,  
12-44 including reasonable attorney's fees, occurring because of the  
12-45 issuance of the [~~certificate of~~] title for the vehicle or for a  
12-46 defect in or undisclosed security interest on the right, title, or  
12-47 interest of the applicant to the vehicle.

12-48 (d) A bond under this section expires on the third  
12-49 anniversary of the date the bond became effective. [~~The department~~  
12-50 ~~shall return an expired bond to the person who filed the bond unless~~  
12-51 ~~the department has been notified of a pending action to recover on~~  
12-52 ~~the bond.~~]

12-53 (e) The board by rule may establish a fee to cover the cost  
12-54 of administering this section.

12-55 SECTION 32. Section 501.071, Transportation Code, is  
12-56 amended to read as follows:

12-57 Sec. 501.071. SALE OF VEHICLE; TRANSFER OF TITLE. (a)  
12-58 Except as provided in Section 503.039, a motor vehicle may not be  
12-59 the subject of a subsequent sale unless the owner designated on [~~in~~]  
12-60 the [~~certificate of~~] title submits a transfer of ownership of  
12-61 [~~transfers~~] the [~~certificate of~~] title [~~at the time of the sale~~].

12-62 (b) The transfer of the [~~certificate of~~] title must be in  
12-63 [~~on~~] a manner [~~form~~] prescribed by the department that [~~includes a~~  
12-64 ~~statement that~~]:

12-65 (1) certifies the purchaser [~~signer~~] is the owner of  
12-66 the vehicle; and

12-67 (2) certifies there are no liens on the vehicle or  
12-68 provides a release of each lien [~~except as shown~~] on the vehicle  
12-69 [~~certificate of title or as fully described in the statement~~].

13-1 SECTION 33. Section 520.022, Transportation Code, is  
13-2 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
13-3 redesignated as Section 501.0721, Transportation Code, and amended  
13-4 to read as follows:

13-5 Sec. 501.0721 [~~520.022~~]. DELIVERY OF RECEIPT AND TITLE TO  
13-6 PURCHASER OF USED MOTOR VEHICLE [~~TRANSFeree, PENALTY~~]. [~~(a)~~] A  
13-7 person, whether acting for that person or another, who sells,  
13-8 trades, or otherwise transfers a used motor vehicle shall deliver  
13-9 to the purchaser [~~transferee~~] at the time of delivery of the vehicle  
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13-11 [~~(1) the license receipt issued by the department for~~  
13-12 ~~registration of the vehicle, if the vehicle was required to be~~  
13-13 ~~registered at the time of the delivery; and~~

13-14 [~~(2)~~] a properly assigned [~~certificate of~~] title or  
13-15 other evidence of title as required under this chapter [~~Chapter~~  
13-16 ~~501~~].

13-17 [~~(b) A person commits an offense if the person violates this~~  
13-18 ~~section. An offense under this subsection is a misdemeanor~~  
13-19 ~~punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.~~]

13-20 SECTION 34. Sections 501.074(a), (b), and (c),  
13-21 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

13-22 (a) The department shall issue a new [~~certificate of~~] title  
13-23 for a motor vehicle registered in this state for which the ownership  
13-24 is transferred by operation of law [~~, including by inheritance,~~  
13-25 ~~devise or bequest, bankruptcy, receivership, judicial sale,~~] or  
13-26 other involuntary divestiture of ownership after receiving:

13-27 (1) a certified copy of an [~~the~~] order appointing a  
13-28 temporary administrator or of the probate proceedings;

13-29 (2) letters testamentary or letters of  
13-30 administration;

13-31 (3) if administration of an estate is not necessary,  
13-32 an affidavit showing that administration is not necessary,  
13-33 identifying all heirs, and including a statement by the heirs of the  
13-34 name in which the certificate shall be issued;

13-35 (4) a court order; or

13-36 (5) the bill of sale from an officer making a judicial  
13-37 sale.

13-38 (b) If a lien is foreclosed by nonjudicial means, the  
13-39 department may issue a new [~~certificate of~~] title in the name of the  
13-40 purchaser at the foreclosure sale on receiving the affidavit of the  
13-41 lienholder of the fact of the nonjudicial foreclosure.

13-42 (c) If a constitutional or statutory lien is foreclosed, the  
13-43 department may issue a new [~~certificate of~~] title in the name of the  
13-44 purchaser at the foreclosure sale on receiving:

13-45 (1) the affidavit of the lienholder of the fact of the  
13-46 creation of the lien and of the divestiture of title according to  
13-47 law; and

13-48 (2) proof of notice as required by Sections 70.004 and  
13-49 70.006, Property Code.

13-50 SECTION 35. Section 501.076(c), Transportation Code, is  
13-51 amended to read as follows:

13-52 (c) The person named as the agent in the limited power of  
13-53 attorney must meet the following requirements:

13-54 (1) the person may be a person who has been appointed  
13-55 by the commissioners [~~commissioner's~~] court as a deputy to perform  
13-56 vehicle registration functions under Section 520.0091 [~~502.112~~], a  
13-57 licensed [~~license~~] vehicle auction company holding a wholesale  
13-58 general distinguishing number under Section 503.022, a person who  
13-59 has a permit similar to one of the foregoing that is issued by the  
13-60 state in which the owner is located, or another person authorized by  
13-61 law to execute title documents in the state in which the owner  
13-62 executes the documents; and

13-63 (2) the person may not be the transferee or an employee  
13-64 of the transferee. The person may not act as the agent of both the  
13-65 transferor and transferee in the transaction. For the purposes of  
13-66 this section, a person is not the agent of both the transferor and  
13-67 transferee in a transaction unless the person has the authority to  
13-68 sign the documents pertaining to the transfer of title on behalf of  
13-69 both the transferor and the transferee.

14-1 SECTION 36. Section 501.091, Transportation Code, is  
 14-2 amended by amending Subdivisions (2), (3), (6), (7), (8), (9),  
 14-3 (10), (12), (14), (15), (16), (17), and (18) and adding  
 14-4 Subdivisions (10-a) and (16-a) to read as follows:

14-5 (2) "Casual sale" means the sale by a salvage vehicle  
 14-6 dealer or an insurance company of five or fewer ~~[not more than five]~~  
 14-7 nonrepairable motor vehicles or salvage motor vehicles to the same  
 14-8 person during a calendar year, but ~~[The term]~~ does not include:

14-9 (A) a sale at auction to a salvage vehicle  
 14-10 dealer; ~~[or]~~

14-11 (B) a sale to an insurance company, out-of-state  
 14-12 buyer, or governmental entity; or

14-13 (C) the sale of an export-only motor vehicle to a  
 14-14 person who is not a resident of the United States.

14-15 (3) "Damage" means sudden damage to a motor vehicle  
 14-16 caused by the motor vehicle being wrecked, burned, flooded, or  
 14-17 stripped of major component parts. The term does not include:

14-18 (A) gradual damage from any cause;

14-19 (B) [7] sudden damage caused by hail;

14-20 (C) ~~[7-or]~~ any damage caused only to the exterior  
 14-21 paint of the motor vehicle; or

14-22 (D) theft, unless the motor vehicle was damaged  
 14-23 during the theft and before recovery.

14-24 (6) "Major component part" means one of the following  
 14-25 parts of a motor vehicle:

14-26 (A) the engine;

14-27 (B) the transmission;

14-28 (C) the frame;

14-29 (D) a fender;

14-30 (E) the hood;

14-31 (F) a door allowing entrance to or egress from  
 14-32 the passenger compartment of the motor vehicle;

14-33 (G) a bumper;

14-34 (H) a quarter panel;

14-35 (I) a deck lid, tailgate, or hatchback;

14-36 (J) the cargo box of a vehicle with a gross  
 14-37 vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less ~~[one-ton or smaller truck]~~,  
 14-38 including a pickup truck;

14-39 (K) the cab of a truck;

14-40 (L) the body of a passenger motor vehicle;

14-41 (M) the roof or floor pan of a passenger motor  
 14-42 vehicle, if separate from the body of the motor vehicle.

14-43 (7) "Metal recycler" means a person who:

14-44 (A) is ~~[predominately]~~ engaged in the business of  
 14-45 obtaining, converting, or selling ferrous or nonferrous metal ~~[that~~  
 14-46 ~~has served its original economic purpose to convert the metal, or~~  
 14-47 ~~sell the metal]~~ for conversion~~[7]~~ into raw material products  
 14-48 consisting of prepared grades and having an existing or potential  
 14-49 economic value;

14-50 (B) has a facility to convert ferrous or  
 14-51 nonferrous metal into raw material products ~~[consisting of prepared~~  
 14-52 ~~grades and having an existing or potential economic value,]~~ by  
 14-53 method other than the exclusive use of hand tools, including the  
 14-54 processing, sorting, cutting, classifying, cleaning, baling,  
 14-55 wrapping, shredding, shearing, or changing the physical form or  
 14-56 chemical content of the metal; and

14-57 (C) sells or purchases the ferrous or nonferrous  
 14-58 metal solely for use as raw material in the production of new  
 14-59 products.

14-60 (8) "Motor vehicle" has the meaning assigned by  
 14-61 Section 501.002 ~~[501.002(14)]~~.

14-62 (9) "Nonrepairable motor vehicle" means a motor  
 14-63 vehicle that:

14-64 (A) is damaged, wrecked, or burned to the extent  
 14-65 that the only residual value of the vehicle is as a source of parts  
 14-66 or scrap metal; or

14-67 (B) comes into this state under a comparable  
 14-68 ~~[title or other]~~ ownership document that indicates that the vehicle  
 14-69 is nonrepairable ~~[7, junked, or for parts or dismantling only]~~.

15-1 (10) "Nonrepairable vehicle title" means a printed  
 15-2 document issued by the department that evidences ownership of a  
 15-3 nonrepairable motor vehicle.

15-4 (10-a) "Nonrepairable record of title" means an  
 15-5 electronic record of ownership of a nonrepairable motor vehicle.

15-6 (12) "Out-of-state ownership document" means a  
 15-7 negotiable document issued by another state or jurisdiction that  
 15-8 the department considers sufficient to prove ownership of a  
 15-9 nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor vehicle and to support  
 15-10 the issuance of a comparable Texas [~~certificate of~~] title for the  
 15-11 motor vehicle. The term does not include any [~~a~~] title or  
 15-12 certificate issued by the department [~~, including a regular~~  
 15-13 ~~certificate of title, a nonrepairable vehicle title, a salvage~~  
 15-14 ~~vehicle title, a Texas Salvage Certificate, Certificate of~~  
 15-15 ~~Authority to Demolish a Motor Vehicle, or another ownership~~  
 15-16 ~~document issued by the department].~~

15-17 (14) "Rebuilder" means a person who acquires and  
 15-18 repairs, rebuilds, or reconstructs for operation on a public  
 15-19 highway, [~~three or~~] more than five salvage motor vehicles in a  
 15-20 calendar year.

15-21 (15) "Salvage motor vehicle" [~~+~~  
 15-22 [~~(A)~~] means a motor vehicle that:  
 15-23 (A) [~~(i)~~] has damage to or is missing a major  
 15-24 component part to the extent that the cost of repairs, including  
 15-25 parts and labor other than the cost of materials and labor for  
 15-26 repainting the motor vehicle and excluding sales tax on the total  
 15-27 cost of repairs, exceeds the actual cash value of the motor vehicle  
 15-28 immediately before the damage; or

15-29 (B) [~~(ii) is damaged and that~~] comes into this  
 15-30 state under an out-of-state salvage motor vehicle [~~certificate of~~]  
 15-31 title or similar out-of-state ownership document [~~that states on~~  
 15-32 ~~its face "accident damage," "flood damage," "inoperable,"~~  
 15-33 ~~"rebuildable," "salvageable," or similar notation; and~~

15-34 [~~(B) does not include an out-of-state motor~~  
 15-35 ~~vehicle with a "rebuilt," "prior salvage," "salvaged," or similar~~  
 15-36 ~~notation, a nonrepairable motor vehicle, or a motor vehicle for~~  
 15-37 ~~which an insurance company has paid a claim for:~~

15-38 [~~(i) the cost of repairing hail damage; or~~  
 15-39 [~~(ii) theft, unless the motor vehicle was~~  
 15-40 ~~damaged during the theft and before recovery to the extent~~  
 15-41 ~~described by Paragraph (A)(i)].~~

15-42 (16) "Salvage vehicle title" means a printed document  
 15-43 issued by the department that evidences ownership of a salvage  
 15-44 motor vehicle.

15-45 (16-a) "Salvage record of title" means an electronic  
 15-46 record of ownership of a salvage motor vehicle.

15-47 (17) "Salvage vehicle dealer" means a person engaged  
 15-48 in this state in the business of acquiring, selling, repairing,  
 15-49 rebuilding, reconstructing, or otherwise dealing in nonrepairable  
 15-50 motor vehicles, salvage motor vehicles, or, if incidental to a  
 15-51 salvage motor vehicle dealer's primary business, used automotive  
 15-52 parts regardless of whether the person holds a license issued by the  
 15-53 department to engage in that business. The term does not include an  
 15-54 unlicensed [~~a~~] person who:

15-55 (A) casually repairs, rebuilds, or reconstructs  
 15-56 not more [~~fewer~~] than five nonrepairable motor vehicles or salvage  
 15-57 motor vehicles in the same calendar year [~~or, except as provided by~~  
 15-58 ~~Paragraph (C), a used automotive parts recycler. The term includes~~  
 15-59 ~~a person engaged in the business of:~~

15-60 [~~(A) a salvage vehicle dealer, regardless of~~  
 15-61 ~~whether the person holds a license issued by the department to~~  
 15-62 ~~engage in that business];~~

15-63 (B) buys not more than five [~~dealing in~~]  
 15-64 nonrepairable motor vehicles or salvage motor vehicles in the same  
 15-65 calendar year; or

15-66 (C) is a licensed used automotive parts recycler  
 15-67 if the sale of repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed nonrepairable  
 15-68 motor vehicles or salvage motor vehicles is more than an incidental  
 15-69 part of the used automotive parts recycler's business.

16-1 (18) "Self-insured motor vehicle" means a motor  
16-2 vehicle for which the ~~[evidence of ownership is a manufacturer's~~  
16-3 ~~certificate of origin or for which the department or another state~~  
16-4 ~~or jurisdiction has issued a regular certificate of title, is~~  
16-5 ~~self-insured by the] owner [, and is owned by an individual, a~~  
16-6 ~~business,] or a governmental entity assumes full financial  
16-7 responsibility for motor vehicle loss claims~~[,]~~ without regard to  
16-8 the number of motor vehicles they own or operate. The term does not  
16-9 include a motor vehicle that is insured by an insurance company.~~

16-10 SECTION 37. Section 501.098, Transportation Code, is  
16-11 redesignated as Section 501.09111, Transportation Code, and  
16-12 amended to read as follows:

16-13 Sec. 501.09111 ~~[501.098]~~. RIGHTS AND LIMITATIONS OF [HOLDER  
16-14 OF] NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE TITLE, NONREPAIRABLE RECORD OF TITLE,  
16-15 [OR] SALVAGE VEHICLE TITLE, OR SALVAGE RECORD OF TITLE. (a) A  
16-16 person who owns ~~[holds]~~ a nonrepairable ~~[vehicle title for a]~~ motor  
16-17 vehicle:

16-18 (1) is entitled to possess, transport, dismantle,  
16-19 scrap, destroy, record a lien as provided for in Section  
16-20 501.097(a)(3)(A), and sell, transfer, or release ownership of the  
16-21 motor vehicle or a used part from the motor vehicle; and

16-22 (2) may not:  
16-23 (A) operate or permit the operation of the motor  
16-24 vehicle on a public highway, in addition to any other requirement of  
16-25 law;  
16-26 (B) repair, rebuild, or reconstruct the motor  
16-27 vehicle; or  
16-28 (C) register the motor vehicle.

16-29 (b) A person who holds a nonrepairable certificate of title  
16-30 issued prior to September 1, 2003, [+]

16-31 ~~[(1)]~~ is entitled to the same rights listed in  
16-32 Subsection (a) and may [+]

16-33 ~~[(A)]~~ repair, rebuild, or reconstruct the motor  
16-34 vehicle ~~[+]~~  
16-35 ~~[(B) possess, transport, dismantle, scrap, or~~  
16-36 ~~destroy the motor vehicle; and~~

16-37 ~~[(C) sell, transfer, or release ownership of the~~  
16-38 ~~vehicle or a used part from the motor vehicle; and~~

16-39 ~~[(2) may not:~~  
16-40 ~~[(A) operate or permit the operation of the motor~~  
16-41 ~~vehicle on a public highway, in addition to any other requirement of~~  
16-42 ~~law; or~~

16-43 ~~[(B) register the motor vehicle].~~

16-44 (c) A person who owns ~~[holds]~~ a salvage ~~[vehicle title for~~  
16-45 ~~a] motor vehicle:~~

16-46 (1) is entitled to possess, transport, dismantle,  
16-47 scrap, destroy, repair, rebuild, reconstruct, record a lien on, and  
16-48 sell, transfer, or release ownership of the motor vehicle or a used  
16-49 part from the motor vehicle; and

16-50 (2) may not operate, register, or permit the operation  
16-51 of the motor vehicle on a public highway, in addition to any other  
16-52 requirement of law.

16-53 SECTION 38. Section 501.103, Transportation Code, is  
16-54 redesignated as Section 501.09112, Transportation Code, and  
16-55 amended to read as follows:

16-56 Sec. 501.09112 ~~[501.103]~~. APPEARANCE [COLOR] OF  
16-57 NONREPAIRABLE VEHICLE TITLE OR SALVAGE VEHICLE TITLE. (a) The  
16-58 department's printed ~~[department shall print a]~~ nonrepairable  
16-59 vehicle title must [+]

16-60 ~~[(1) in a color that distinguishes it from a regular~~  
16-61 ~~certificate of title or salvage vehicle title; and~~

16-62 ~~[(2) so that it]~~ clearly indicate ~~[shows]~~ that it is  
16-63 the negotiable ownership document for a nonrepairable motor  
16-64 vehicle.

16-65 (b) A nonrepairable vehicle title must clearly indicate  
16-66 ~~[state on its face]~~ that the motor vehicle:

16-67 (1) may not be:  
16-68 (A) issued a regular ~~[certificate of]~~ title;  
16-69 (B) registered in this state; or



17-1 (C) repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed; and  
 17-2 (2) may be used only as a source for used parts or  
 17-3 scrap metal.

17-4 (c) The department's printed ~~[department shall print a]~~  
 17-5 salvage vehicle title must [+

17-6 ~~[(A) in a color that distinguishes it from a~~  
 17-7 ~~regular certificate of title or nonrepairable vehicle title, and~~

17-8 ~~[(B) so that each document]~~ clearly show ~~[shows]~~  
 17-9 that it is the ownership document for a salvage motor vehicle.

17-10 (d) A salvage vehicle title or a salvage record of title for  
 17-11 a vehicle that is a salvage motor vehicle because of damage caused  
 17-12 exclusively by flood must bear a notation ~~[on its face]~~ that the  
 17-13 department considers appropriate. If the title for a motor vehicle  
 17-14 reflects the notation required by this subsection, the owner may  
 17-15 sell, transfer, or release the motor vehicle only as provided by  
 17-16 this subchapter.

17-17 (e) An electronic application for a nonrepairable vehicle  
 17-18 title, nonrepairable record of title, salvage vehicle title, or  
 17-19 salvage record of title must clearly advise the applicant of the  
 17-20 same provisions required on a printed title.

17-21 (f) A nonrepairable vehicle title, nonrepairable record of  
 17-22 title, salvage vehicle title, or salvage record of title in the  
 17-23 department's electronic database must include appropriate remarks  
 17-24 so that the vehicle record clearly shows the status of the vehicle  
 17-25 ~~[(e) The department may provide a stamp to a person who is a~~  
 17-26 ~~licensed salvage vehicle dealer under Chapter 2302, Occupations~~  
 17-27 ~~Code, to mark the face of a title under this subchapter. The~~  
 17-28 ~~department shall provide the stamp to the person for a fee in the~~  
 17-29 ~~amount determined by the department to be necessary for the~~  
 17-30 ~~department to recover the cost of providing the stamp].~~

17-31 SECTION 39. Section 501.101, Transportation Code, is  
 17-32 redesignated as Section 501.09113, Transportation Code, and  
 17-33 amended to read as follows:

17-34 Sec. 501.09113 ~~[501.101]~~. OUT-OF-STATE SALVAGE OR REBUILT  
 17-35 SALVAGE VEHICLE [ISSUANCE OF TITLE TO MOTOR VEHICLE BROUGHT INTO  
 17-36 STATE]. (a) This section applies only to a motor vehicle brought  
 17-37 into this state from another state or jurisdiction that has on any  
 17-38 ~~[certificate of]~~ title or comparable out-of-state ownership  
 17-39 document issued by the other state or jurisdiction:

17-40 (1) a "rebuilt," "salvage," or similar notation; or  
 17-41 (2) a "nonrepairable," "dismantle only," "parts  
 17-42 only," "junked," "scrapped," or similar notation.

17-43 (b) On receipt of a complete application from the owner of  
 17-44 the motor vehicle, the department shall issue the applicant the  
 17-45 appropriate ~~[certificate of]~~ title for the motor vehicle.

17-46 ~~[(c) A certificate of title issued under this section must~~  
 17-47 ~~show on its face:~~

17-48 ~~[(1) the date of issuance,~~

17-49 ~~[(2) the name and address of the owner,~~

17-50 ~~[(3) any registration number assigned to the motor~~  
 17-51 ~~vehicle, and~~

17-52 ~~[(4) a description of the motor vehicle or other~~  
 17-53 ~~notation the department considers necessary or appropriate.]~~

17-54 SECTION 40. The heading to Section 501.095, Transportation  
 17-55 Code, is amended to read as follows:

17-56 Sec. 501.095. SALE, TRANSFER, OR RELEASE [OF NONREPAIRABLE  
 17-57 MOTOR VEHICLE OR SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLE].

17-58 SECTION 41. Sections 501.095(a) and (b), Transportation  
 17-59 Code, are amended to read as follows:

17-60 (a) If the department has not issued a nonrepairable vehicle  
 17-61 title, nonrepairable record of title, [or] salvage vehicle title,  
 17-62 or salvage record of title for the motor vehicle and a comparable  
 17-63 ~~[an]~~ out-of-state ownership document for the motor vehicle has not  
 17-64 been issued by another state or jurisdiction, a business or  
 17-65 governmental entity described by Subdivisions (1)-(3) may sell,  
 17-66 transfer, or release a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor  
 17-67 vehicle only to a person who is:

17-68 (1) a licensed salvage vehicle dealer, a used  
 17-69 automotive parts recycler under Chapter 2309, Occupations Code, or

18-1 a metal recycler under Chapter 2302, Occupations Code;  
 18-2 (2) an insurance company that has paid a claim on the  
 18-3 nonrepairable or salvage motor vehicle; or  
 18-4 (3) a governmental entity[~~;~~ ~~or~~  
 18-5 [~~(4) an out-of-state buyer~~].

18-6 (b) An owner [~~A person~~], other than a salvage vehicle  
 18-7 dealer, a used automotive parts recycler, or an insurance company  
 18-8 licensed to do business in this state, who acquired ownership of a  
 18-9 nonrepairable or salvage motor vehicle that has not been issued a  
 18-10 nonrepairable vehicle title, nonrepairable record of title,  
 18-11 salvage vehicle title, salvage record of title, or a comparable  
 18-12 ownership document issued by another state or jurisdiction shall,  
 18-13 before selling the motor vehicle, surrender the properly assigned  
 18-14 [~~certificate of~~] title for the motor vehicle to the department and  
 18-15 apply to the department for the appropriate ownership document[~~;~~  
 18-16 [~~(1) a nonrepairable vehicle title if the vehicle is a~~  
 18-17 ~~nonrepairable motor vehicle; or~~  
 18-18 [~~(2) a salvage vehicle title if the vehicle is a~~  
 18-19 ~~salvage motor vehicle~~].

18-20 SECTION 42. Section 501.097, Transportation Code, is  
 18-21 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection  
 18-22 (c-1) to read as follows:

18-23 (a) An application for a nonrepairable vehicle title,  
 18-24 nonrepairable record of title, [~~or~~] salvage vehicle title, or  
 18-25 salvage record of title must:

18-26 (1) be made in [~~on~~] a manner [~~form~~] prescribed by the  
 18-27 department and accompanied by a \$8 application fee;

18-28 (2) include, in addition to any other information  
 18-29 required by the department:

18-30 (A) the name and current address of the owner;  
 18-31 and

18-32 (B) a description of the motor vehicle, including  
 18-33 the make, style of body, model year, and vehicle identification  
 18-34 number [~~;~~ and

18-35 [~~(C) a statement describing whether the motor~~  
 18-36 ~~vehicle:~~

18-37 [~~(i) was the subject of a total loss claim~~  
 18-38 ~~paid by an insurance company under Section 501.092 or 501.093;~~

18-39 [~~(ii) is a self-insured motor vehicle under~~  
 18-40 ~~Section 501.094;~~

18-41 [~~(iii) is an export-only motor vehicle~~  
 18-42 ~~under Section 501.099; or~~

18-43 [~~(iv) was sold, transferred, or released to~~  
 18-44 ~~the owner or former owner of the motor vehicle or a buyer at a casual~~  
 18-45 ~~sale]; and~~

18-46 (3) include the name and address of:

18-47 (A) any currently recorded lienholder, if the  
 18-48 motor vehicle is a nonrepairable motor vehicle; or

18-49 (B) any currently recorded lienholder or a new  
 18-50 lienholder, if the motor vehicle is a salvage motor vehicle.

18-51 (c) A printed nonrepairable vehicle title must state on its  
 18-52 face that the motor vehicle:

18-53 (1) may not:

18-54 (A) be repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed;

18-55 (B) be issued a [~~regular certificate of~~] title or  
 18-56 registered in this state;

18-57 (C) be operated on a public highway, in addition  
 18-58 to any other requirement of law; and

18-59 (2) may only be used as a source for used parts or  
 18-60 scrap metal.

18-61 (c-1) The department's titling system must include a remark  
 18-62 that clearly identifies the vehicle as a salvage or nonrepairable  
 18-63 motor vehicle.

18-64 SECTION 43. Sections 501.100(a), (b), (c), and (f),  
 18-65 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

18-66 (a) A vehicle for which a nonrepairable certificate of title  
 18-67 issued prior to September 1, 2003, or for which a salvage vehicle  
 18-68 title or salvage record of title has been issued may obtain [~~be~~  
 18-69 ~~issued~~] a [~~regular certificate of~~] title after the motor vehicle

19-1 has been repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed [~~by a person described~~  
19-2 ~~by Section 501.104(a)] and, in addition to any other requirement of~~  
19-3 law, only if the application [~~is accompanied by a separate form~~  
19-4 ~~that~~]:

19-5 (1) describes each major component part used to repair  
19-6 the motor vehicle;

19-7 (2) states the name of each person from whom the parts  
19-8 used in assembling the vehicle were obtained; and

19-9 (3) [~~(2)~~] shows the identification number required by  
19-10 federal law to be affixed to or inscribed on the part.

19-11 (b) On receipt of a complete application under this section  
19-12 accompanied by the [~~\$13~~] fee for the [~~certificate of~~] title, the  
19-13 department shall issue the applicant a [~~regular certificate of~~]  
19-14 title [~~for the motor vehicle~~].

19-15 (c) A [~~regular certificate of~~] title issued under this  
19-16 section must [~~+~~

19-17 [~~(1)~~] describe or disclose the motor vehicle's former  
19-18 condition in a manner reasonably understandable to a potential  
19-19 purchaser of the motor vehicle [~~+~~ and

19-20 [~~(2)~~ bear on its face the words "REBUILT SALVAGE" in  
19-21 capital letters that:

19-22 [~~(A) are red,~~

19-23 [~~(B) are centered on and occupy at least 15~~  
19-24 ~~percent of the face of the certificate of title, and~~

19-25 [~~(C) do not prevent any other words on the title~~  
19-26 ~~from being read or copied~~].

19-27 (f) The department may not issue a regular [~~certificate of~~]  
19-28 title for a motor vehicle based on a:

19-29 (1) nonrepairable vehicle title or comparable  
19-30 out-of-state ownership document;

19-31 (2) receipt issued under Section 501.1003(b)  
19-32 [~~501.096(b)~~]; or

19-33 (3) certificate of authority.

19-34 SECTION 44. Section 501.092, Transportation Code, is  
19-35 redesignated as Section 501.1001, Transportation Code, and amended  
19-36 to read as follows:

19-37 Sec. 501.1001 [~~501.092~~]. [~~INSURANCE COMPANY TO SURRENDER~~

19-38 ~~CERTIFICATES OF TITLE TO CERTAIN~~ SALVAGE MOTOR VEHICLES OR  
19-39 NONREPAIRABLE MOTOR VEHICLES FOR INSURANCE COMPANIES OR

19-40 SELF-INSURED PERSONS. (a) An insurance company that is licensed to  
19-41 conduct business in this state and that acquires, through payment

19-42 of a claim, ownership or possession of a salvage motor vehicle or  
19-43 nonrepairable motor vehicle covered by a [~~certificate of~~] title

19-44 issued by this state or a manufacturer's certificate of origin  
19-45 shall surrender a properly assigned title or manufacturer's

19-46 certificate of origin to the department, in [on] a manner [form]  
19-47 prescribed by the department, except that not earlier than the 31st

19-48 [~~46th~~] day after the date of payment of the claim the insurance  
19-49 company may surrender a [~~certificate of~~] title, in [on] a manner

19-50 [~~form~~] prescribed by the department, and receive a salvage vehicle  
19-51 [~~certificate of~~] title or a nonrepairable vehicle [~~certificate of~~]

19-52 title without obtaining a properly assigned [~~certificate of~~] title  
19-53 if the insurance company:

19-54 (1) has obtained the release of all liens on the motor  
19-55 vehicle;

19-56 (2) is unable to locate one or more owners of the motor  
19-57 vehicle; and

19-58 (3) has provided notice to the last known address in  
19-59 the department's records to each owner that has not been located:

19-60 (A) by registered or certified mail, return  
19-61 receipt requested; or

19-62 (B) if a notice sent under Paragraph (A) is  
19-63 returned unclaimed, by publication in a newspaper of general  
19-64 circulation in the area where the unclaimed mail notice was sent.

19-65 (b) For a salvage motor vehicle, the insurance company shall  
19-66 apply for a salvage vehicle title or salvage record of title. For a  
19-67 nonrepairable motor vehicle, the insurance company shall apply for  
19-68 a nonrepairable vehicle title or nonrepairable record of title.

19-69 (c) [~~An insurance company may not sell a motor vehicle to~~

~~which this section applies unless the department has issued a salvage vehicle title or a nonrepairable vehicle title for the motor vehicle or a comparable ownership document has been issued by another state or jurisdiction for the motor vehicle.~~

~~[(d) An insurance company may sell a motor vehicle to which this section applies, or assign a salvage vehicle title or a nonrepairable vehicle title for the motor vehicle, only to a salvage vehicle dealer, an out-of-state buyer, a buyer in a casual sale at auction, a metal recycler, or a used automotive parts recycler. If the motor vehicle is not a salvage motor vehicle or a nonrepairable motor vehicle, the insurance company is not required to surrender the regular certificate of title for the vehicle or to be issued a salvage vehicle title or a nonrepairable vehicle title for the motor vehicle.~~

~~[(e)] An insurance company or other person who acquires ownership of a motor vehicle other than a nonrepairable or salvage motor vehicle may voluntarily and on proper application obtain a salvage vehicle title, salvage record of title, [or a] nonrepairable vehicle title, or nonrepairable record of title for the vehicle.~~

(d) This section applies only to a motor vehicle in this state that is:

(1) a self-insured motor vehicle; and

(2) damaged to the extent it becomes a nonrepairable or salvage motor vehicle.

(e) The owner of a motor vehicle to which this section applies shall submit to the department before the 31st business day after the date of the damage, in a manner prescribed by the department, a statement that the motor vehicle was self-insured and damaged.

(f) When the owner submits a statement under Subsection (e), the owner shall surrender the ownership document and apply for a nonrepairable vehicle title, nonrepairable record of title, salvage vehicle title, or salvage record of title.

SECTION 45. Section 501.093, Transportation Code, is redesignated as Section 501.1002, Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 501.1002 ~~[501.093]~~. OWNER-RETAINED [INSURANCE COMPANY REPORT ON CERTAIN] VEHICLES. (a) If an insurance company pays a claim on a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor vehicle and the insurance company does not acquire ownership of the motor vehicle, the insurance company shall:

(1) apply on behalf of the owner for a nonrepairable vehicle title, nonrepairable record of title, salvage vehicle title, or salvage record of title; or

(2) notify the owner of the information contained in:

(A) Subsection (b); or

(B) Section 501.09111; and

(3) submit to the department, before the 31st day after the date of the payment of the claim, in a manner [on the form] prescribed by the department, a report stating that the insurance company:

(A) [(1)] has paid a claim on the motor vehicle;  
and

(B) [(2)] has not acquired ownership of the motor vehicle.

(b) The owner of a motor vehicle to which this section applies may not operate or permit operation of the motor vehicle on a public highway or transfer ownership of the motor vehicle by sale or otherwise unless the department has issued a salvage vehicle title, salvage record of title, [or a] nonrepairable vehicle title, or nonrepairable record of title for the motor vehicle or a comparable ownership document has been issued by another state or jurisdiction for the motor vehicle.

~~[(c) Subsection (b) does not apply if:~~

~~[(1) the department has issued a nonrepairable vehicle title or salvage vehicle title for the motor vehicle; or~~

~~[(2) another state or jurisdiction has issued a comparable out-of-state ownership document for the motor vehicle.]~~

21-1 SECTION 46. Section 501.096, Transportation Code, is  
 21-2 redesignated as Section 501.1003, Transportation Code, and amended  
 21-3 to read as follows:

21-4 Sec. 501.1003 [~~501.096~~]. [~~NONREPAIRABLE MOTOR VEHICLE OR~~  
 21-5 ~~SALVAGE DEALER RESPONSIBILITIES~~ [~~MOTOR VEHICLE DISMANTLED,~~  
 21-6 ~~SCRAPPED, OR DESTROYED~~]. (a) If a salvage vehicle dealer acquires  
 21-7 ownership of a nonrepairable motor vehicle or salvage motor vehicle  
 21-8 for the purpose of dismantling, scrapping, or destroying the motor  
 21-9 vehicle, the dealer shall, before the 31st day after the date the  
 21-10 dealer acquires the motor vehicle, submit to the department a  
 21-11 report stating that the motor vehicle will be dismantled, scrapped,  
 21-12 or destroyed. The dealer shall:

21-13 (1) make the report in a manner [~~on a form~~] prescribed  
 21-14 by the department; and

21-15 (2) submit with the report a properly assigned  
 21-16 manufacturer's certificate of origin, regular certificate of  
 21-17 title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, or  
 21-18 comparable out-of-state ownership document for the motor vehicle.

21-19 (b) After receiving the report and title or document, the  
 21-20 department shall issue the salvage vehicle dealer a receipt for the  
 21-21 manufacturer's certificate of origin, regular certificate of  
 21-22 title, nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, or  
 21-23 comparable out-of-state ownership document.

21-24 (c) The department shall adopt rules to notify the salvage  
 21-25 [vehicle] dealer if the vehicle was not issued a printed title, but  
 21-26 has a record of title in the department's titling system [~~shall~~].

21-27 [~~(1) keep on the business premises of the dealer,~~  
 21-28 ~~until the third anniversary of the date the report on the motor~~  
 21-29 ~~vehicle is submitted to the department, a record of the vehicle, its~~  
 21-30 ~~ownership, and its condition as dismantled, scrapped, or destroyed;~~  
 21-31 ~~and~~

21-32 [~~(2) present to the department, on the form prescribed~~  
 21-33 ~~by the department, evidence that the motor vehicle was dismantled,~~  
 21-34 ~~scrapped, or destroyed before the 61st day after the date the dealer~~  
 21-35 ~~completed the dismantling, scrapping, or destruction of the motor~~  
 21-36 ~~vehicle~~].

21-37 SECTION 47. Section 501.104, Transportation Code, is  
 21-38 amended to read as follows:

21-39 Sec. 501.104. REBUILDER TO POSSESS TITLE OR OTHER  
 21-40 DOCUMENTATION. (a) This section applies [~~only~~] to [~~+~~

21-41 [~~(1) a rebuilder licensed as a salvage vehicle dealer;~~

21-42 [~~(2) a person engaged in repairing, rebuilding, or~~  
 21-43 ~~reconstructing more than five motor vehicles~~ [~~the business of a~~  
 21-44 ~~rebuilder~~], regardless of whether the person is licensed to engage  
 21-45 in that business [~~, or~~

21-46 [~~(3) a person engaged in the casual repair,~~  
 21-47 ~~rebuilding, or reconstruction of fewer than three motor vehicles in~~  
 21-48 ~~the same 12-month period~~].

21-49 (b) A person described by Subsection (a) must possess:

21-50 (1) an acceptable [~~a regular certificate of title,~~  
 21-51 ~~nonrepairable vehicle title, salvage vehicle title, or comparable~~  
 21-52 ~~out-of-state~~] ownership document or proof of ownership for any  
 21-53 motor vehicle that is:

21-54 (A) owned by the person;

21-55 (B) in the person's inventory; and

21-56 (C) being offered for resale; or

21-57 (2) a contract entered into with the owner, a work  
 21-58 order, or another document that shows the authority for the person  
 21-59 to possess any motor vehicle that is:

21-60 (A) owned by another person;

21-61 (B) on the person's business or casual premises;

21-62 and

21-63 (C) being repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed  
 21-64 for the other person.

21-65 SECTION 48. Section 501.105, Transportation Code, is  
 21-66 redesignated as Section 501.108, Transportation Code, and amended  
 21-67 to read as follows:

21-68 Sec. 501.108 [~~501.105~~]. RECORD RETENTION [~~OF RECORDS~~  
 21-69 ~~RELATING TO CERTAIN CASUAL SALES~~]. (a) Each licensed salvage

22-1 vehicle dealer, used automotive parts recycler, or insurance  
 22-2 company that sells a nonrepairable motor vehicle or a salvage motor  
 22-3 vehicle at a casual sale shall keep on the business premises of the  
 22-4 dealer or the insurance company a list of all casual sales made  
 22-5 during the preceding 36-month period that contains:

- 22-6 (1) the date of the sale;
- 22-7 (2) the name of the purchaser;
- 22-8 (3) the name of the jurisdiction that issued the  
 22-9 identification document provided by the purchaser, as shown on the  
 22-10 document; and
- 22-11 (4) the vehicle identification number.

22-12 (b) A salvage vehicle dealer or used automotive parts  
 22-13 recycler shall keep on the business premises of the dealer or  
 22-14 recycler, until the third anniversary of the date the report on the  
 22-15 motor vehicle is submitted to the department, a record of the  
 22-16 vehicle, its ownership, and its condition as dismantled, scrapped,  
 22-17 or destroyed as required by Section 501.1003.

22-18 SECTION 49. Section 501.102, Transportation Code, is  
 22-19 redesignated as Section 501.109, Transportation Code, and amended  
 22-20 to read as follows:

22-21 Sec. 501.109 [~~501.102~~]. OFFENSES. (a) A person commits an  
 22-22 offense if the person:

22-23 (1) applies to the department for a [~~regular~~  
 22-24 ~~certificate of~~] title for a motor vehicle; and

22-25 (2) knows or reasonably should know that:

22-26 (A) the vehicle is a nonrepairable motor vehicle  
 22-27 that has been repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed;

22-28 (B) the vehicle identification number assigned  
 22-29 to the motor vehicle belongs to a nonrepairable motor vehicle that  
 22-30 has been repaired, rebuilt, or reconstructed;

22-31 (C) the title issued to the motor vehicle belongs  
 22-32 to a nonrepairable motor vehicle that has been repaired, rebuilt,  
 22-33 or reconstructed;

22-34 (D) the vehicle identification number assigned  
 22-35 to the motor vehicle belongs to an export-only motor vehicle;

22-36 (E) the motor vehicle is an export-only motor  
 22-37 vehicle; or

22-38 (F) the motor vehicle is a nonrepairable motor  
 22-39 vehicle or salvage motor vehicle for which a nonrepairable vehicle  
 22-40 title, salvage vehicle title, or comparable ownership document  
 22-41 issued by another state or jurisdiction has not been issued.

22-42 (b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly  
 22-43 sells, transfers, or releases a salvage motor vehicle in violation  
 22-44 of this subchapter.

22-45 (c) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly  
 22-46 fails or refuses to surrender a regular certificate of title after  
 22-47 the person:

22-48 (1) receives a notice from an insurance company that  
 22-49 the motor vehicle is a nonrepairable or salvage motor vehicle; or

22-50 (2) knows the vehicle has become a nonrepairable motor  
 22-51 vehicle or salvage motor vehicle under Section 501.1001 [~~501.094~~].

22-52 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (e), an offense under  
 22-53 this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

22-54 (e) If it is shown on the trial of an offense under this  
 22-55 section that the defendant has been previously convicted of:

22-56 (1) one offense under this section, the offense is a  
 22-57 Class B misdemeanor; or

22-58 (2) two or more offenses under this section, the  
 22-59 offense is a state jail felony.

22-60 SECTION 50. Section 501.106, Transportation Code, is  
 22-61 redesignated as Section 501.110, Transportation Code, and amended  
 22-62 to read as follows:

22-63 Sec. 501.110 [~~501.106~~]. ENFORCEMENT OF SUBCHAPTER. (a)  
 22-64 This subchapter shall be enforced by the department and any other  
 22-65 governmental or law enforcement entity, including the Department of  
 22-66 Public Safety, and the personnel of the entity as provided by this  
 22-67 subchapter.

22-68 (b) The department, an agent, officer, or employee of the  
 22-69 department, or another person enforcing this subchapter is not

23-1 liable to a person damaged or injured by an act or omission relating  
 23-2 to the issuance or revocation of a [~~regular certificate of~~] title,  
 23-3 nonrepairable vehicle title, nonrepairable record of title, [~~or~~]  
 23-4 salvage vehicle title, or salvage record of title under this  
 23-5 subchapter.

23-6 SECTION 51. Section 501.111(a), Transportation Code, is  
 23-7 amended to read as follows:

23-8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may  
 23-9 perfect a security interest in a motor vehicle that is the subject  
 23-10 of a first or subsequent sale only by recording the security  
 23-11 interest on the [~~certificate of~~] title as provided by this chapter.

23-12 SECTION 52. Section 501.113, Transportation Code, is  
 23-13 amended to read as follows:

23-14 Sec. 501.113. RECORDATION OF SECURITY INTEREST. (a)  
 23-15 Recordation of a lien under this chapter is considered to occur  
 23-16 when:

- 23-17 (1) the department's titling system is updated; or
- 23-18 (2) the county assessor-collector [~~+~~  
 23-19 [~~(1) is presented with an application for a~~  
 23-20 ~~certificate of title that discloses the lien with tender of the~~  
 23-21 ~~filing fee; or~~  
 23-22 [~~(2)~~] accepts the application of title that discloses  
 23-23 the lien with the filing fee.

23-24 (b) For purposes of Chapter 9, Business & Commerce Code, the  
 23-25 time of recording a lien under this chapter is considered to be the  
 23-26 time of filing the security interest, and on such recordation, the  
 23-27 recorded lienholder and assignees under Section 501.114 obtain  
 23-28 priority over the rights of a lien creditor, as defined by Section  
 23-29 9.102, Business & Commerce Code, for so long as the lien is recorded  
 23-30 on the [~~certificate of~~] title.

23-31 SECTION 53. Sections 501.114(b), (d), (e), (f), and (g),  
 23-32 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

23-33 (b) An assignee or assignor may, but need not to retain the  
 23-34 validity, perfection, and priority of the lien assigned, as  
 23-35 evidence of the assignment of a lien recorded under Section  
 23-36 501.113:

23-37 (1) apply to the county assessor-collector for the  
 23-38 assignee to be named as lienholder on the [~~certificate of~~] title;  
 23-39 and

23-40 (2) notify the debtor of the assignment.

23-41 (d) An application under Subsection (b) must be  
 23-42 acknowledged [~~+~~

- 23-43 [~~(1) signed~~] by the assignee [~~, and~~
- 23-44 [~~(2) accompanied by:~~  
 23-45 [~~(A) the applicable fee,~~  
 23-46 [~~(B) a copy of the assignment agreement executed~~  
 23-47 ~~by the parties; and~~  
 23-48 [~~(C) the certificate of title on which the lien~~  
 23-49 ~~to be assigned is recorded].~~

23-50 (e) On receipt of the completed application and fee, the  
 23-51 department may:

23-52 (1) [~~may~~] amend the department's records to substitute  
 23-53 the assignee for the recorded lienholder; and

23-54 (2) [~~shall~~] issue a new [~~certificate of~~] title as  
 23-55 provided by this chapter [~~Section 501.027~~].

23-56 (f) The issuance of a [~~certificate of~~] title under  
 23-57 Subsection (e) is recordation of the assignment.

23-58 (g) Regardless of whether application is made for the  
 23-59 assignee to be named as lienholder on the [~~certificate of~~] title,  
 23-60 the time of the recordation of a lien assigned under this section is  
 23-61 considered to be the time the lien was initially recorded under  
 23-62 Section 501.113.

23-63 SECTION 54. Section 501.115, Transportation Code, is  
 23-64 amended to read as follows:

23-65 Sec. 501.115. DISCHARGE OF LIEN. (a) When a debt or claim  
 23-66 secured by a lien has been satisfied, the lienholder shall, within a  
 23-67 reasonable time not to exceed the maximum time allowed by Section  
 23-68 348.408, Finance Code, execute and deliver to the owner, or the  
 23-69 owner's designee, a discharge of the lien in [~~on~~] a manner [~~form~~]

24-1 prescribed by the department.

24-2 (b) The owner may submit [~~present~~] the discharge and  
24-3 [~~certificate of~~] title to the department for [~~county~~  
24-4 ~~assessor-collector with an application for a new certificate of~~  
24-5 ~~title and the department shall issue~~] a new [~~certificate of~~] title.

24-6 SECTION 55. Section 501.116, Transportation Code, is  
24-7 amended to read as follows:

24-8 Sec. 501.116. CANCELLATION OF DISCHARGED LIEN. The  
24-9 department may cancel a discharged lien that has been recorded on a  
24-10 [~~certificate of~~] title for 10 [~~six~~] years or more if the recorded  
24-11 lienholder:

24-12 (1) does not exist; or

24-13 (2) cannot be located for the owner to obtain a release  
24-14 of the lien.

24-15 SECTION 56. Sections 501.134(a), (b), (c), (d), and (g),  
24-16 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

24-17 (a) If a printed [~~certificate of~~] title is lost or  
24-18 destroyed, the owner or lienholder disclosed on the title  
24-19 [~~certificate~~] may obtain, in the manner provided by this section  
24-20 and department rule, a certified copy of the lost or destroyed  
24-21 [~~certificate of~~] title directly from the department by applying in  
24-22 [~~on~~] a manner [~~form~~] prescribed by the department and paying a fee  
24-23 of \$2. A fee collected under this subsection shall be deposited to  
24-24 the credit of the state highway fund and may be spent only as  
24-25 provided by Section 501.138.

24-26 (b) If a lien is disclosed on a [~~certificate of~~] title, the  
24-27 department may issue a certified copy of the original [~~certificate~~  
24-28 ~~of~~] title only to the first lienholder or the lienholder's verified  
24-29 agent.

24-30 (c) The department must plainly mark "certified copy" on the  
24-31 face of a certified copy issued under this section [~~, and each~~  
24-32 ~~subsequent certificate issued for the motor vehicle until the~~  
24-33 ~~vehicle is transferred~~]. A subsequent purchaser or lienholder of  
24-34 the vehicle only acquires the rights, title, or interest in the  
24-35 vehicle held by the holder of the certified copy.

24-36 (d) A purchaser or lienholder of a motor vehicle having a  
24-37 certified copy issued under this section may at the time of the  
24-38 purchase or establishment of the lien require that the seller or  
24-39 owner indemnify the purchaser or lienholder and all subsequent  
24-40 purchasers of the vehicle against any loss the person may suffer  
24-41 because of a claim presented on the original [~~certificate of~~]  
24-42 title.

24-43 (g) The department may issue a certified copy of a  
24-44 [~~certificate of~~] title [~~before the fourth business day after the~~  
24-45 ~~date application is made~~] only if the applicant:

24-46 (1) is the registered owner of the vehicle, the holder  
24-47 of a recorded lien against the vehicle, or a verified agent of the  
24-48 owner or lienholder; and

24-49 (2) submits personal identification as required by  
24-50 department rule [~~, including a photograph, issued by an agency of~~  
24-51 ~~this state or the United States~~].

24-52 SECTION 57. Section 501.135(a), Transportation Code, is  
24-53 amended to read as follows:

24-54 (a) The department shall:

24-55 (1) make a record of each report to the department that  
24-56 a motor vehicle registered in this state has been stolen or  
24-57 concealed in violation of Section 32.33, Penal Code; and

24-58 (2) note the fact of the report in the department's  
24-59 records [~~of the vehicle's certificate of title~~].

24-60 SECTION 58. Sections 501.138(a), (b), and (b-1),  
24-61 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

24-62 (a) An applicant for a [~~certificate of~~] title, other than  
24-63 the state or a political subdivision of the state, must pay [~~the~~  
24-64 ~~county assessor-collector~~] a fee of:

24-65 (1) \$33 if the applicant's residence is a county  
24-66 located within a nonattainment area as defined under Section 107(d)  
24-67 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section 7407), as amended,  
24-68 or is an affected county, as defined by Section 386.001, Health and  
24-69 Safety Code; or



25-1 (2) \$28 if the applicant's residence is any other  
25-2 county.

25-3 (b) The fees [~~county assessor-collector~~] shall be  
25-4 distributed as follows [~~send~~]:

25-5 (1) \$5 of the fee to the county treasurer for deposit  
25-6 in the officers' salary fund;

25-7 (2) \$8 of the fee to the department:

25-8 (A) together with the application within the time  
25-9 prescribed by Section 501.023; or

25-10 (B) if the fee is deposited in an  
25-11 interest-bearing account or certificate in the county depository or  
25-12 invested in an investment authorized by Subchapter A, Chapter 2256,  
25-13 Government Code, not later than the 35th day after the date on which  
25-14 the fee is received; and

25-15 (3) the following amount to the comptroller at the  
25-16 time and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller:

25-17 (A) \$20 of the fee if the applicant's residence  
25-18 is a county located within a nonattainment area as defined under  
25-19 Section 107(d) of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. Section  
25-20 7407), as amended, or is an affected county, as defined by Section  
25-21 386.001, Health and Safety Code; or

25-22 (B) \$15 of the fee if the applicant's residence  
25-23 is any other county.

25-24 (b-1) Fees collected under Subsection (b) to be sent to the  
25-25 comptroller shall be deposited [~~as follows~~]:

25-26 [~~(1) before September 1, 2008, to the credit of the~~  
25-27 ~~Texas emissions reduction plan fund; and~~

25-28 [~~(2) on or after September 1, 2008,~~] to the credit of  
25-29 the Texas Mobility Fund, except that \$5 of each fee imposed under  
25-30 Subsection (a)(1) and deposited on or after September 1, 2008, and  
25-31 before September 1, 2015, shall be deposited to the credit of the  
25-32 Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

25-33 SECTION 59. Section 520.031, Transportation Code, as  
25-34 amended by Chapters 836 (H.B. 1743) and 1423 (H.B. 2409), Acts of  
25-35 the 76th Legislature, Regular Session, 1999, is transferred to  
25-36 Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code, redesignated as  
25-37 Section 501.145, Transportation Code, and reenacted and amended to  
25-38 read as follows:

25-39 Sec. 501.145 [~~520.031~~]. FILING BY PURCHASER [~~TRANSFeree~~];  
25-40 APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE [~~AND REGISTRATION~~]. (a) Not  
25-41 later than the later of the 30th [~~20th working~~] day after the date  
25-42 of assignment on [~~receiving~~] the documents or the date provided by  
25-43 Section 152.069, Tax Code [~~under Section 520.022 or 520.0225~~], the  
25-44 purchaser [~~transferee~~] of the used motor vehicle shall file with  
25-45 the county assessor-collector:

25-46 (1) [~~the license receipt and~~] the certificate of title  
25-47 or other evidence of title; or

25-48 (2) if appropriate, a document described by Section  
25-49 502.457 [~~520.0225(b)(1) or (2)~~] and the [~~certificate of~~] title or  
25-50 other evidence of ownership [~~title~~].

25-51 (b) The filing under Subsection (a) is an application for  
25-52 transfer of title as required under this chapter [~~Chapter 501~~] and  
25-53 [~~, if the license receipt is filed,~~] an application for transfer of  
25-54 the registration of the motor vehicle.

25-55 (c) [~~In this section, "working day" means any day other than~~  
25-56 ~~a Saturday, a Sunday, or a holiday on which county offices are~~  
25-57 ~~closed.~~

25-58 [~~(d)~~] Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if the purchaser  
25-59 [~~transferee~~] is a member of the armed forces of the United States, a  
25-60 member of the Texas National Guard or of the National Guard of  
25-61 another state serving on active duty under an order of the president  
25-62 of the United States, or a member of a reserve component of the  
25-63 armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an  
25-64 order of the president of the United States, the documents  
25-65 described by Subsection (a) must be filed with the county  
25-66 assessor-collector not later than the 60th [~~working~~] day after the  
25-67 date of assignment of ownership [~~their receipt by the transferee~~].

25-68 SECTION 60. Section 520.032, Transportation Code, is  
25-69 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,

26-1 redesignated as Section 501.146, Transportation Code, and amended  
26-2 to read as follows:

26-3 Sec. 501.146 [~~520.032~~]. TITLE TRANSFER [~~FEE~~]; LATE FEE.  
26-4 (a) [~~The transferee of a used motor vehicle shall pay, in addition~~  
26-5 ~~to any fee required under Chapter 501 for the transfer of title, a~~  
26-6 ~~transfer fee of \$2.50 for the transfer of the registration of the~~  
26-7 ~~motor vehicle.~~

26-8 [~~(b)~~] If the [~~transferee does not file the~~] application for  
26-9 the transfer of title is not filed during the period provided by  
26-10 Section 501.145, the [~~520.031, the transferee is liable for a~~] late  
26-11 fee is to be paid to the county assessor-collector when the  
26-12 application is filed. If the seller [~~transferee~~] holds a general  
26-13 distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503 of this code or  
26-14 Chapter 2301, Occupations Code, the seller is liable for the late  
26-15 fee in the amount of [~~the late fee is~~] \$10. If the seller  
26-16 [~~transferee~~] does not hold a general distinguishing number, subject  
26-17 to Subsection (b) [~~(b-1)~~] the applicant's [~~amount of the~~] late fee  
26-18 is \$25.

26-19 (b) [~~(b-1)~~] If the application is filed after the 60th [~~31st~~  
26-20 ~~working~~] day after the date the purchaser was assigned ownership of  
26-21 [~~transferee received~~] the documents under Section 501.0721  
26-22 [~~520.022~~], the late fee imposed under Subsection (a) [~~(b)~~] accrues  
26-23 an additional penalty in the amount of \$25 for each subsequent  
26-24 30-day period, or portion of a 30-day period, in which the  
26-25 application is not filed.

26-26 (c) [~~The county assessor-collector and the surety on the~~  
26-27 ~~county assessor-collector's bond are liable for the late fee if the~~  
26-28 ~~county assessor-collector does not collect the late fee.~~

26-29 [~~(d)~~] Subsections (a) and (b) [~~and (b-1)~~] do not apply if  
26-30 the motor vehicle is eligible to be issued:

- 26-31 (1) classic vehicle license plates under Section  
26-32 504.501; or
- 26-33 (2) antique vehicle license plates under Section  
26-34 504.502.

26-35 SECTION 61. Section 520.023, Transportation Code, is  
26-36 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
26-37 redesignated as Section 501.147, Transportation Code, and amended  
26-38 to read as follows:

26-39 Sec. 501.147 [~~520.023~~]. [~~POWERS AND DUTIES OF DEPARTMENT ON~~  
26-40 ~~TRANSFER OF USED~~] VEHICLE TRANSFER NOTIFICATION. (a) On receipt of  
26-41 a written notice of transfer from the seller [~~transferor~~] of a motor  
26-42 vehicle, the department shall indicate the transfer on the motor  
26-43 vehicle records maintained by the department. As an alternative to  
26-44 a written notice of transfer, the department shall establish  
26-45 procedures that permit the seller [~~transferor~~] of a motor vehicle  
26-46 to electronically submit a notice of transfer to the department  
26-47 through the department's Internet website. A notice of transfer  
26-48 provided through the department's Internet website is not required  
26-49 to bear the signature of the seller [~~transferor~~] or include the date  
26-50 of signing.

26-51 (b) [~~The department may design the written notice of~~  
26-52 ~~transfer to be part of the certificate of title for the vehicle.~~] The  
26-53 notice of transfer [~~form~~] shall be provided by the department  
26-54 and must include a place for the seller [~~transferor~~] to state:

- 26-55 (1) a complete description of the vehicle as  
26-56 prescribed by the department [~~identification number of the~~  
26-57 ~~vehicle~~];
- 26-58 (2) [~~the number of the license plate issued to the~~  
26-59 ~~vehicle, if any,~~
- 26-60 [~~(3)~~] the full name and address of the seller  
26-61 [~~transferor~~];
- 26-62 (3) [~~(4)~~] the full name and address of the purchaser  
26-63 [~~transferee~~];
- 26-64 (4) [~~(5)~~] the date the seller [~~transferor~~] delivered  
26-65 possession of the vehicle to the purchaser [~~transferee~~];
- 26-66 (5) [~~(6)~~] the signature of the seller [~~transferor~~];
- 26-67 and
- 26-68 (6) [~~(7)~~] the date the seller [~~transferor~~] signed the  
26-69 form.

27-1 (c) This subsection applies only if the department receives  
 27-2 notice under Subsection (a) before the 30th day after the date the  
 27-3 seller [~~transferor~~] delivered possession of the vehicle to the  
 27-4 purchaser or in accordance with Section 152.069, Tax Code  
 27-5 [~~transferee~~]. After the date of the transfer of the vehicle shown  
 27-6 on the records of the department, the purchaser [~~transferee~~] of the  
 27-7 vehicle shown on the records is rebuttably presumed to be:

27-8 (1) the owner of the vehicle; and

27-9 (2) subject to civil and criminal liability arising  
 27-10 out of the use, operation, or abandonment of the vehicle, to the  
 27-11 extent that ownership of the vehicle subjects the owner of the  
 27-12 vehicle to criminal or civil liability under another provision of  
 27-13 law.

27-14 (d) The department may adopt[+  
 27-15 [~~(1)~~] rules to implement this section [~~, and~~  
 27-16 [~~(2)~~] a fee for filing a notice of transfer under this  
 27-17 section in an amount not to exceed the lesser of the actual cost to  
 27-18 the department of implementing this section or \$5].

27-19 (e) This section does not impose or establish civil or  
 27-20 criminal liability on the owner of a motor vehicle who transfers  
 27-21 ownership of the vehicle but does not disclose the transfer to the  
 27-22 department.

27-23 (f) [~~This section does not require the department to issue a~~  
 27-24 ~~certificate of title to a person shown on a notice of transfer as~~  
 27-25 ~~the transferee of a motor vehicle.] The department may not issue a  
 27-26 [~~certificate of~~] title or register [~~for~~] the vehicle until the  
 27-27 purchaser [~~transferee~~] applies for a title to the county  
 27-28 assessor-collector as provided by this chapter [~~Chapter 501~~].~~

27-29 (g) A transferor who files the appropriate form with the  
 27-30 department as provided by, and in accordance with, this section,  
 27-31 whether that form is a part of a [~~certificate of~~] title or a form  
 27-32 otherwise promulgated by the department to comply with the terms of  
 27-33 this section, has no vicarious civil or criminal liability arising  
 27-34 out of the use, operation, or abandonment of the vehicle by another  
 27-35 person. Proof by the transferor that the transferor filed a form  
 27-36 under this section is a complete defense to an action brought  
 27-37 against the transferor for an act or omission, civil or criminal,  
 27-38 arising out of the use, operation, or abandonment of the vehicle by  
 27-39 another person after the transferor filed the form. A copy of the  
 27-40 form filed under this section is proof of the filing of the form.

27-41 SECTION 62. Section 520.033, Transportation Code, is  
 27-42 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
 27-43 redesignated as Section 501.148, Transportation Code, and amended  
 27-44 to read as follows:

27-45 Sec. 501.148 [~~520.033~~]. ALLOCATION OF FEES. (a) The  
 27-46 county assessor-collector may retain as commission for services  
 27-47 provided under this subchapter [~~half of each transfer fee~~  
 27-48 ~~collected,~~] half of each late fee[, and half of each additional  
 27-49 ~~penalty collected under Section 520.032~~].

27-50 (b) The county assessor-collector shall report and remit  
 27-51 the balance of the fees collected to the department on Monday of  
 27-52 each week as other [~~registration~~] fees are required to be reported  
 27-53 and remitted.

27-54 (c) Of each late fee collected from a person who does not  
 27-55 hold a general distinguishing number by [~~that~~] the department  
 27-56 [~~receives~~] under Subsection (b), \$10 may be used only to fund a  
 27-57 statewide public awareness campaign designed to inform and educate  
 27-58 the public about the provisions of this chapter.

27-59 SECTION 63. Section 501.152(b), Transportation Code, is  
 27-60 amended to read as follows:

27-61 (b) It is not a violation of this section for the beneficial  
 27-62 owner of a vehicle to sell or offer to sell a vehicle without having  
 27-63 possession of the [~~certificate of~~] title to the vehicle if the sole  
 27-64 reason he or she does not have possession of the [~~certificate of~~]  
 27-65 title is that the title is in the possession of a lienholder who has  
 27-66 not complied with the terms of Section 501.115(a) [~~of this code~~].

27-67 SECTION 64. Section 501.153, Transportation Code, is  
 27-68 amended to read as follows:

27-69 Sec. 501.153. APPLICATION FOR TITLE FOR STOLEN OR CONCEALED

28-1 VEHICLE. A person commits an offense if the person applies for a  
28-2 [~~certificate of~~] title for a motor vehicle that the person knows is  
28-3 stolen or concealed in violation of Section 32.33, Penal Code.

28-4 SECTION 65. Section 501.154, Transportation Code, is  
28-5 amended to read as follows:

28-6 Sec. 501.154. ALTERATION OF CERTIFICATE OR RECEIPT. A  
28-7 person commits an offense if the person alters a manufacturer's [~~or~~  
28-8 ~~importer's~~] certificate, a title receipt, or a [~~certificate of~~]  
28-9 title.

28-10 SECTION 66. Section 501.155(a), Transportation Code, is  
28-11 amended to read as follows:

28-12 (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly  
28-13 provides false or incorrect information or without legal authority  
28-14 signs the name of another person on:

- 28-15 (1) an application for a [~~certificate of~~] title;
- 28-16 (2) an application for a certified copy of an original  
28-17 [~~certificate of~~] title;
- 28-18 (3) an assignment of title for a motor vehicle;
- 28-19 (4) a discharge of a lien on a title for a motor  
28-20 vehicle; or

28-21 (5) any other document required by the department or  
28-22 necessary to the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle.

28-23 SECTION 67. The heading to Section 501.158, Transportation  
28-24 Code, is amended to read as follows:

28-25 Sec. 501.158. SEIZURE OF STOLEN VEHICLE OR VEHICLE WITH  
28-26 ALTERED VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION [~~SERIAL~~] NUMBER.

28-27 SECTION 68. Section 520.035, Transportation Code, is  
28-28 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
28-29 redesignated as Section 501.161, Transportation Code, and amended  
28-30 to read as follows:

28-31 Sec. 501.161 [~~520.035~~]. EXECUTION OF TRANSFER DOCUMENTS;  
28-32 PENALTY. (a) A person who transfers a motor vehicle in this state  
28-33 shall complete [~~execute~~] in full and date as of the date of the  
28-34 transfer all documents relating to the transfer of registration or  
28-35 [~~certificate of~~] title. A person who transfers a vehicle commits an  
28-36 offense if the person fails to execute the documents in full.

28-37 (b) A person commits an offense if the person:  
28-38 (1) accepts a document described by Subsection (a)  
28-39 that does not contain all of the required information; or  
28-40 (2) alters or mutilates such a document.

28-41 (c) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
28-42 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200.

28-43 SECTION 69. Subchapter H, Chapter 501, Transportation Code,  
28-44 is amended by adding Sections 501.162 and 501.163 to read as  
28-45 follows:

28-46 Sec. 501.162. MOTOR NUMBER REQUIRED FOR REGISTRATION;  
28-47 PENALTY. A person commits an offense if the person violates Section  
28-48 501.0331. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
28-49 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$100.

28-50 Sec. 501.163. APPLICATION FOR MOTOR NUMBER RECORD; PENALTY.  
28-51 A person who fails to comply with Section 501.0332 commits an  
28-52 offense. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable  
28-53 by a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$100.

28-54 SECTION 70. Chapter 501, Transportation Code, is amended by  
28-55 adding Subchapter I to read as follows:

28-56 SUBCHAPTER I. ELECTRONIC TITLING SYSTEM

28-57 Sec. 501.171. APPLICATION OF SUBCHAPTER. This subchapter  
28-58 applies only if the department implements a titling system under  
28-59 Section 501.173.

28-60 Sec. 501.172. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

28-61 (1) "Document" means information that is inscribed on  
28-62 a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium  
28-63 and is retrievable in perceivable form.

28-64 (2) "Electronic" means relating to technology having  
28-65 electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic,  
28-66 or similar capabilities.

28-67 (3) "Electronic document" means a document that is in  
28-68 an electronic form.

28-69 (4) "Electronic signature" means an electronic sound,

29-1 symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a  
 29-2 document and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign  
 29-3 the document.

29-4 (5) "Paper document" means a document that is in  
 29-5 printed form.

29-6 Sec. 501.173. ELECTRONIC TITLING SYSTEM. (a) The board by  
 29-7 rule may implement an electronic titling system.

29-8 (b) A record of title maintained electronically by the  
 29-9 department in the titling system is the official record of vehicle  
 29-10 ownership unless the owner requests that the department issue a  
 29-11 printed title.

29-12 Sec. 501.174. VALIDITY OF ELECTRONIC DOCUMENTS. (a) If  
 29-13 this chapter requires that a document be an original, be on paper or  
 29-14 another tangible medium, or be in writing, the requirement is met by  
 29-15 an electronic document that complies with this subchapter.

29-16 (b) If a law requires that a document be signed, the  
 29-17 requirement is satisfied by an electronic signature.

29-18 (c) A requirement that a document or a signature associated  
 29-19 with a document be notarized, acknowledged, verified, witnessed, or  
 29-20 made under oath is satisfied if the electronic signature of the  
 29-21 person authorized to perform that act, and all other information  
 29-22 required to be included, is attached to or logically associated  
 29-23 with the document or signature. A physical or electronic image of a  
 29-24 stamp, impression, or seal is not required to accompany an  
 29-25 electronic signature.

29-26 Sec. 501.175. RECORDING OF DOCUMENTS. (a) Under the  
 29-27 titling system, the department may:

29-28 (1) receive, index, store, archive, and transmit  
 29-29 electronic documents;

29-30 (2) provide for access to, and for search and  
 29-31 retrieval of, documents and information by electronic means; and

29-32 (3) convert into electronic form:  
 29-33 (A) paper documents that it accepts for the  
 29-34 titling of a motor vehicle; and

29-35 (B) information recorded and documents that were  
 29-36 accepted for the titling of a motor vehicle before the titling  
 29-37 system was implemented.

29-38 (b) The department shall continue to accept paper documents  
 29-39 after the titling system is implemented.

29-40 Sec. 501.176. PAYMENT OF FEES BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER  
 29-41 OR CREDIT CARD. (a) The department may accept payment by  
 29-42 electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card of any title  
 29-43 or registration fee that the department is required or authorized  
 29-44 to collect under this chapter.

29-45 (b) The department may collect a fee for processing a title  
 29-46 or registration payment by electronic funds transfer, credit card,  
 29-47 or debit card. The amount of the fee must be reasonably related to  
 29-48 the expense incurred by the department in processing the payment by  
 29-49 electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card and may not be  
 29-50 more than five percent of the amount of the fee being paid.

29-51 (c) In addition to the fee authorized by Subsection (b), the  
 29-52 department may collect from a person making payment by electronic  
 29-53 funds transfer, credit card, or debit card an amount equal to the  
 29-54 amount of any transaction fee charged to the department by a vendor  
 29-55 providing services in connection with payments made by electronic  
 29-56 funds transfer, credit card, or debit card. The limitation  
 29-57 prescribed by Subsection (b) on the amount of a fee does not apply  
 29-58 to a fee collected under this subsection.

29-59 Sec. 501.177. SERVICE CHARGE. If, for any reason, the  
 29-60 payment of a fee under this chapter by electronic funds transfer,  
 29-61 credit card, or debit card is not honored by the funding  
 29-62 institution, or by the electronic funds transfer, credit card, or  
 29-63 debit card company on which the funds are drawn, the department may  
 29-64 collect from the person who owes the fee being collected a service  
 29-65 charge that is for the collection of that original amount and is in  
 29-66 addition to the original fee. The amount of the service charge must  
 29-67 be reasonably related to the expense incurred by the department in  
 29-68 collecting the original amount.

29-69 Sec. 501.178. DISPOSITION OF FEES. All fees collected

30-1 under this subchapter shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 30-2 highway fund.

30-3 Sec. 501.179. RELATION TO ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES IN GLOBAL  
 30-4 AND NATIONAL COMMERCE ACT. This subchapter modifies, limits, and  
 30-5 supersedes the federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National  
 30-6 Commerce Act (15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.) but does not modify,  
 30-7 limit, or supersede Section 101(c) of that Act (15 U.S.C. Section  
 30-8 7001(c)) or authorize electronic delivery of any of the notices  
 30-9 described in Section 103(b) of that Act (15 U.S.C. Section  
 30-10 7003(b)).

30-11 SECTION 71. Section 502.001, Transportation Code, is  
 30-12 amended to read as follows:

30-13 Sec. 502.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

30-14 (1) "All-terrain vehicle" means a motor vehicle that  
 30-15 is:

- 30-16 (A) equipped with a saddle for the use of:  
 30-17 (i) the rider; and  
 30-18 (ii) a passenger, if the motor vehicle is  
 30-19 designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;  
 30-20 (B) designed to propel itself with three or more  
 30-21 tires in contact with the ground;  
 30-22 (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway  
 30-23 use; and  
 30-24 (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily  
 30-25 for farming or lawn care.

30-26 (2) "Apportioned license plate" means a license plate  
 30-27 issued in lieu of a truck license plate or combination license plate  
 30-28 to a motor carrier in this state who proportionally registers a  
 30-29 vehicle owned or leased by the carrier in one or more other states.

30-30 (3) ~~[(1-a)]~~ "Board" means the board of the Texas  
 30-31 Department of Motor Vehicles.

30-32 (4) "Combination license plate" means a license plate  
 30-33 issued for a truck or truck-tractor that is used or intended to be  
 30-34 used in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross weight of  
 30-35 more than 6,000 pounds.

30-36 (5) "Combined gross weight" means the empty weight of  
 30-37 the truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle combined with the  
 30-38 empty weight of the heaviest semitrailer used or to be used in  
 30-39 combination with the truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle plus  
 30-40 the heaviest net load to be carried on the combination during the  
 30-41 registration year.

30-42 (6) ~~[(1-a)]~~ "Commercial fleet" means a group of at  
 30-43 least 25 nonapportioned motor vehicles, semitrailers, or trailers  
 30-44 owned, operated, or leased by a corporation, limited or general  
 30-45 partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity  
 30-46 and used for the business purposes of that entity.

30-47 (7) ~~[(2)]~~ "Commercial motor vehicle" means a  
 30-48 commercial motor vehicle as defined by Section 644.001[, other than  
 30-49 a motorcycle, designed or used primarily to transport property.  
 30-50 The term includes a passenger car reconstructed and used primarily  
 30-51 for delivery purposes. The term does not include a passenger car  
 30-52 used to deliver the United States mail].

30-53 (8) "Construction machinery" means a vehicle that:

- 30-54 (A) is used for construction;  
 30-55 (B) is built from the ground up;  
 30-56 (C) is not mounted or affixed to another vehicle  
 30-57 such as a trailer;  
 30-58 (D) was originally and permanently designed as  
 30-59 machinery;  
 30-60 (E) was not in any way originally designed to  
 30-61 transport persons or property; and  
 30-62 (F) does not carry a load, including fuel.

30-63 (9) "Credit card" has the meaning assigned by Section  
 30-64 501.002.

30-65 (10) "Debit card" has the meaning assigned by Section  
 30-66 501.002.

30-67 (11) ~~[(3)]~~ "Department" means the Texas Department of  
 30-68 Motor Vehicles.

30-69 (12) "Electric bicycle" has the meaning assigned by

- 31-1 Section 541.201.  
 31-2 (13) "Electric personal assistive mobility device"  
 31-3 has the meaning assigned by Section 551.201.  
 31-4 (14) "Empty weight" means the unladen weight of a  
 31-5 truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle and semitrailer  
 31-6 combination fully equipped, as certified by a public weigher or  
 31-7 license and weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety.  
 31-8 (15) [~~(4)~~] "Farm semitrailer" or "farm trailer" means  
 31-9 a vehicle [~~semitrailer~~] designed and used primarily as a farm  
 31-10 vehicle.  
 31-11 (16) [~~(5)~~] "Farm tractor" has the meaning assigned by  
 31-12 Section 541.201 [~~means a motor vehicle designed and used primarily~~  
 31-13 ~~as a farm implement for drawing other implements of husbandry].~~  
 31-14 (17) "Forestry vehicle" [~~(6) "Farm trailer"~~] means a  
 31-15 vehicle [~~trailer~~] designed and used exclusively for transporting  
 31-16 forest products in their natural state, including logs, debarked  
 31-17 logs, untreated ties, stave bolts, plywood bolts, pulpwood billets,  
 31-18 wood chips, stumps, sawdust, moss, bark, and wood shavings, and  
 31-19 property used in production of those products [~~primarily as a farm~~  
 31-20 ~~vehicle].~~  
 31-21 (18) [~~(7)~~] "Golf cart" means a motor vehicle designed  
 31-22 by the manufacturer primarily for use [~~transporting persons~~] on a  
 31-23 golf course.  
 31-24 (19) "Gross vehicle weight" has the meaning assigned  
 31-25 by Section 541.401.  
 31-26 (20) [~~(8)~~] "Implements of husbandry" has the meaning  
 31-27 assigned by Section 541.201 [~~means farm implements, machinery, and~~  
 31-28 ~~tools as used in tilling the soil, including self-propelled~~  
 31-29 ~~machinery specifically designed or adapted for applying plant food~~  
 31-30 ~~materials or agricultural chemicals but not specifically designed~~  
 31-31 ~~or adapted for the sole purpose of transporting the materials or~~  
 31-32 ~~chemicals. The term does not include a passenger car or truck].~~  
 31-33 (21) [~~(9)~~] "Light truck" has the meaning assigned by  
 31-34 Section 541.201 [~~means a commercial motor vehicle that has a~~  
 31-35 ~~manufacturer's rated carrying capacity of one ton or less].~~  
 31-36 (22) [~~(10)~~] "Moped" has the meaning assigned by  
 31-37 Section 541.201.  
 31-38 (23) [~~(11)~~] "Motor bus" includes every vehicle used to  
 31-39 transport persons on the public highways for compensation, other  
 31-40 than:  
 31-41 (A) a vehicle operated by muscular power; or  
 31-42 (B) a municipal bus.  
 31-43 (24) [~~(12)~~] "Motorcycle" has the meaning assigned by  
 31-44 Section 521.001 or 541.201, as applicable [~~means a motor vehicle~~  
 31-45 ~~designed to propel itself with not more than three wheels in contact~~  
 31-46 ~~with the ground. The term does not include a tractor].~~  
 31-47 (25) [~~(13)~~] "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle that is  
 31-48 self-propelled.  
 31-49 (26) "Motorized mobility device" has the meaning  
 31-50 assigned by Section 542.009.  
 31-51 (27) [~~(14)~~] "Municipal bus" includes every vehicle,  
 31-52 other than a passenger car, used to transport persons for  
 31-53 compensation exclusively within the limits of a municipality or a  
 31-54 suburban addition to the municipality.  
 31-55 (28) "Net carrying capacity" means the heaviest net  
 31-56 load that is able to be carried on a vehicle, but not less than the  
 31-57 manufacturer's rated carrying capacity.  
 31-58 (29) "Oil well servicing, cleanout, or drilling  
 31-59 machinery":  
 31-60 (A) has the meaning assigned by Section 623.149;  
 31-61 or  
 31-62 (B) means a mobile crane:  
 31-63 (i) that is an unladen, self-propelled  
 31-64 vehicle constructed as a machine and used solely to raise, shift, or  
 31-65 lower heavy weights by means of a projecting, swinging mast with an  
 31-66 engine for power on a chassis permanently constructed or assembled  
 31-67 for that purpose; and  
 31-68 (ii) for which the owner has secured a  
 31-69 permit from the department under Section 623.142.

32-1                   (30) [~~(15)~~] "Operate temporarily on the highways"  
32-2 means to travel between:  
32-3                   (A) different farms;  
32-4                   (B) a place of supply or storage and a farm; or  
32-5                   (C) an owner's farm and the place at which the  
32-6 owner's farm produce is prepared for market or is marketed.  
32-7                   (31) [~~(16)~~] "Owner" means a person who:  
32-8                   (A) holds the legal title of a vehicle;  
32-9                   (B) has the legal right of possession of a  
32-10 vehicle; or  
32-11                   (C) has the legal right of control of a vehicle.  
32-12                   (32) [~~(17)~~] "Passenger car" has the meaning assigned  
32-13 by Section 541.201 [means a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle,  
32-14 golf cart, light truck, or bus, designed or used primarily for the  
32-15 transportation of persons].  
32-16                   (33) "Power sweeper" means an implement, with or  
32-17 without motive power, designed for the removal by a broom, vacuum,  
32-18 or regenerative air system of debris, dirt, gravel, litter, or sand  
32-19 from asphaltic concrete or cement concrete surfaces, including  
32-20 surfaces of parking lots, roads, streets, highways, and warehouse  
32-21 floors. The term includes a vehicle on which the implement is  
32-22 permanently mounted if the vehicle is used only as a power sweeper.  
32-23                   (34) "Private bus" means a bus that:  
32-24                   (A) is not operated for hire; and  
32-25                   (B) is not a municipal bus or a motor bus.  
32-26                   (35) [~~(18)~~] "Public highway" includes a road, street,  
32-27 way, thoroughfare, or bridge:  
32-28                   (A) that is in this state;  
32-29                   (B) that is for the use of vehicles;  
32-30                   (C) that is not privately owned or controlled;  
32-31 and  
32-32                   (D) over which the state has legislative  
32-33 jurisdiction under its police power.  
32-34                   (36) [~~(19)~~] "Public property" means property owned or  
32-35 leased by this state or a political subdivision of this state.  
32-36                   (37) [~~(19-a)~~] "Recreational off-highway vehicle"  
32-37 means a motor vehicle that is:  
32-38                   (A) equipped with a non-straddle seat for the use  
32-39 of:  
32-40                   (i) the rider; and  
32-41                   (ii) a passenger, if the vehicle is  
32-42 designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger;  
32-43                   (B) designed to propel itself with four or more  
32-44 tires in contact with the ground;  
32-45                   (C) designed by the manufacturer for off-highway  
32-46 use by the operator only; and  
32-47                   (D) not designed by the manufacturer primarily  
32-48 for farming or lawn care.  
32-49                   (38) [~~(20)~~] "Road tractor" means a vehicle designed  
32-50 for the purpose of mowing the right-of-way of a public highway or a  
32-51 motor vehicle designed or used for drawing another vehicle or a load  
32-52 and not constructed to carry:  
32-53                   (A) an independent load; or  
32-54                   (B) a part of the weight of the vehicle and load  
32-55 to be drawn.  
32-56                   (39) [~~(21)~~] "Semitrailer" means a vehicle designed or  
32-57 used with a motor vehicle so that part of the weight of the vehicle  
32-58 and its load rests on or is carried by another vehicle.  
32-59                   (40) "Token trailer" means a semitrailer that:  
32-60                   (A) has a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds;  
32-61 and  
32-62                   (B) is operated in combination with a truck or a  
32-63 truck-tractor that has been issued:  
32-64                   (i) an apportioned license plate;  
32-65                   (ii) a combination license plate; or  
32-66                   (iii) a forestry vehicle license plate.  
32-67                   (41) "Tow truck" means a motor vehicle adapted or used  
32-68 to tow, winch, or otherwise move another motor vehicle.  
32-69                   (42) [~~(22)~~] "Trailer" means a vehicle that:



33-1 (A) is designed or used to carry a load wholly on  
 33-2 its own structure; and  
 33-3 (B) is drawn or designed to be drawn by a motor  
 33-4 vehicle.

33-5 (43) "Travel trailer" has the meaning assigned by  
 33-6 Section 501.002.

33-7 (44) ~~[(23)]~~ "Truck-tractor" means a motor vehicle:  
 33-8 (A) designed and used primarily for drawing  
 33-9 another vehicle; and

33-10 (B) not constructed to carry a load other than a  
 33-11 part of the weight of the vehicle and load to be drawn.

33-12 (45) ~~[(24)]~~ "Vehicle" means a device in or by which a  
 33-13 person or property is or may be transported or drawn on a public  
 33-14 highway, other than a device used exclusively on stationary rails  
 33-15 or tracks.

33-16 SECTION 72. Section 502.0021, Transportation Code, is  
 33-17 amended to read as follows:

33-18 Sec. 502.0021. RULES AND FORMS. (a) The department may  
 33-19 adopt rules to administer this chapter.

33-20 (b) The department shall post forms on the Internet and~~[+~~  
 33-21 ~~[(1) prescribe forms determined by the department to~~  
 33-22 ~~be necessary for the administration of this chapter; and~~

33-23 ~~[(2)]~~ provide each county assessor-collector with a  
 33-24 sufficient [an adequate] supply of any [each form] necessary forms  
 33-25 on request [for the performance of a duty under this chapter by the  
 33-26 assessor-collector].

33-27 SECTION 73. Section 502.052, Transportation Code, is  
 33-28 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 33-29 redesignated as Section 502.00211, Transportation Code, and  
 33-30 amended to read as follows:

33-31 Sec. 502.00211 ~~[502.052]~~. DESIGN OF ~~[LICENSE PLATES AND]~~  
 33-32 ~~REGISTRATION INSIGNIA[, REFLECTORIZED MATERIAL].~~ ~~[(a)]~~ The  
 33-33 department shall prepare the designs and specifications ~~[of license~~  
 33-34 ~~plates and devices selected by the board]~~ to be used as the  
 33-35 registration insignia.

33-36 ~~[(b) The department shall design each license plate to~~  
 33-37 ~~include a design at least one-half inch wide that represents in~~  
 33-38 ~~silhouette the shape of Texas and that appears between letters and~~  
 33-39 ~~numerals. The department may omit the silhouette of Texas from~~  
 33-40 ~~specialty designed license plates.~~

33-41 ~~[(c) To promote highway safety, each license plate shall be~~  
 33-42 ~~made with a reflectORIZED material that provides effective and~~  
 33-43 ~~dependable brightness for the period for which the plate is~~  
 33-44 ~~issued. The purchase of reflectORIZED material shall be submitted~~  
 33-45 ~~to the comptroller for approval.]~~

33-46 SECTION 74. The heading to Section 502.0023, Transportation  
 33-47 Code, is amended to read as follows:

33-48 Sec. 502.0023. EXTENDED REGISTRATION OF COMMERCIAL FLEET  
 33-49 ~~[MOTOR]~~ VEHICLES.

33-50 SECTION 75. Section 502.0023, Transportation Code, is  
 33-51 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection  
 33-52 (i) to read as follows:

33-53 (a) Notwithstanding Section 502.044(c) [502.158(c)], the  
 33-54 department shall develop and implement a system of registration to  
 33-55 allow an owner of a commercial fleet to register the motor vehicles,  
 33-56 semitrailers, and trailers in the commercial fleet for an extended  
 33-57 registration period of not less than one year or more than eight  
 33-58 years. The owner may select the number of years for registration  
 33-59 under this section within that range and register the commercial  
 33-60 fleet for that period. Payment for all registration fees for the  
 33-61 entire registration period selected is due at the time of  
 33-62 registration.

33-63 (c) In addition to the registration fees prescribed by this  
 33-64 chapter [Subchapter D], an owner registering a commercial fleet  
 33-65 under this section shall pay:

33-66 (1) an annual commercial fleet registration fee of \$10  
 33-67 per motor vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer in the fleet; and

33-68 (2) except as provided by Subsection (e), a one-time  
 33-69 license plate manufacturing fee of \$1.50 for each fleet motor

34-1 vehicle, semitrailer, or trailer license plate.

34-2 (i) The department may provide for credits for fleet

34-3 registration.

34-4 SECTION 76. Section 502.185, Transportation Code, is

34-5 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,

34-6 redesignated as Section 502.010, Transportation Code, and amended

34-7 to read as follows:

34-8 Sec. 502.010 [~~502.185~~]. COUNTY SCOFFLAW [~~REFUSAL TO~~

34-9 ~~REGISTER VEHICLE IN CERTAIN COUNTIES~~]. (a) A county

34-10 assessor-collector or the department may refuse to register a motor

34-11 vehicle if the assessor-collector or the department receives

34-12 information that the owner of the vehicle owes the county money for

34-13 a fine, fee, or tax that is past due.

34-14 (b) A county may contract with the department to provide

34-15 information to the department necessary to make a determination

34-16 under Subsection (a).

34-17 (c) A county that has a contract under Subsection (b) shall

34-18 notify the department regarding a person for whom the county

34-19 assessor-collector or the department has refused to register a

34-20 motor vehicle on:

34-21 (1) the person's payment or other means of discharge of

34-22 the past due fine, fee, or tax; or

34-23 (2) perfection of an appeal of the case contesting

34-24 payment of the fine, fee, or tax.

34-25 (d) After notice is received under Subsection (c), the

34-26 county assessor-collector or the department may not refuse to

34-27 register the motor vehicle under Subsection (a).

34-28 (e) A contract under Subsection (b) must be entered into in

34-29 accordance with Chapter 791, Government Code, and is subject to the

34-30 ability of the parties to provide or pay for the services required

34-31 under the contract.

34-32 (f) A county that has a contract under Subsection (b) may

34-33 impose an additional fee to a person paying a fine, fee, or tax to

34-34 the county after it is past due. The additional fee may be used only

34-35 to reimburse the department or the county for its expenses for

34-36 providing services under the contract.

34-37 (g) In this section:

34-38 (1) a fine, fee, or tax is considered past due if it is

34-39 unpaid 90 or more days after the date it is due; and

34-40 (2) registration of a motor vehicle includes renewal

34-41 of the registration of the vehicle.

34-42 (h) This section does not apply to the registration of a

34-43 motor vehicle under Section 501.0234, unless the vehicle is titled

34-44 and registered in the name of a person who holds a general

34-45 distinguishing number.

34-46 SECTION 77. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 502,

34-47 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

34-48 SUBCHAPTER B. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS [~~STATE ADMINISTRATION~~]

34-49 SECTION 78. Section 502.002, Transportation Code, is

34-50 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,

34-51 redesignated as Section 502.040, Transportation Code, and amended

34-52 to read as follows:

34-53 Sec. 502.040 [~~502.002~~]. REGISTRATION REQUIRED; GENERAL

34-54 RULE. (a) Not more than 30 days after purchasing a vehicle or

34-55 becoming a resident of this state, the [~~The~~] owner of a motor

34-56 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer shall apply for the registration

34-57 of the vehicle for:

34-58 (1) each registration year in which the vehicle is

34-59 used or to be used on a public highway; and

34-60 (2) if the vehicle is unregistered for a registration

34-61 year that has begun and that applies to the vehicle and if the

34-62 vehicle is used or to be used on a public highway, the remaining

34-63 portion of that registration year.

34-64 (b) The application must be accompanied by personal

34-65 identification as determined by department rule and made in a

34-66 manner prescribed by [~~to~~] the department:

34-67 (1) through the county assessor-collector of the

34-68 county in which the owner resides; or

34-69 (2) if the county in which the owner resides has been

35-1 declared by the governor as a disaster area, through the county  
35-2 assessor-collector of a county that is one of the closest  
35-3 unaffected counties to a county that asks for assistance and:

35-4 (A) continues to be declared by the governor as a  
35-5 disaster area because the county has been rendered inoperable by  
35-6 the disaster; and

35-7 (B) is inoperable for a protracted period of  
35-8 time.

35-9 (c) A provision of this chapter that conflicts with this  
35-10 section prevails over this section to the extent of the conflict.

35-11 (d) A county assessor-collector, a deputy county  
35-12 assessor-collector, or a person acting on behalf of a county  
35-13 assessor-collector is not liable to any person for:

35-14 (1) refusing to register a motor vehicle because of  
35-15 the person's failure to submit evidence of residency that complies  
35-16 with the department's rules; or

35-17 (2) registering a motor vehicle under this section.

35-18 SECTION 79. Section 502.157, Transportation Code, is  
35-19 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
35-20 redesignated as Section 502.041, Transportation Code, and amended  
35-21 to read as follows:

35-22 Sec. 502.041 [~~502.157~~]. INITIAL REGISTRATION. (a)  
35-23 Notwithstanding Section 502.040 [~~502.002~~], [~~when a motor vehicle~~  
35-24 ~~must be registered before an application for a certificate of title~~  
35-25 ~~will be accepted,~~] the owner of a [~~the~~] vehicle may concurrently  
35-26 apply for a [~~certificate of~~] title and for registration through the  
35-27 county assessor-collector of the county in which:

35-28 (1) the owner resides; or

35-29 (2) the vehicle is purchased or encumbered.

35-30 (b) The first time an owner applies for registration of a  
35-31 vehicle, the owner may demonstrate compliance with Section  
35-32 502.046(a) [~~502.153(a)~~] as to the vehicle by showing proof of  
35-33 financial responsibility in any manner specified in Section  
35-34 502.046(c) [~~502.153(c)~~] as to:

35-35 (1) any vehicle of the owner; or

35-36 (2) any vehicle used as part of the consideration for  
35-37 the purchase of the vehicle the owner applies to register.

35-38 SECTION 80. Section 502.152, Transportation Code, is  
35-39 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
35-40 redesignated as Section 502.042, Transportation Code, and amended  
35-41 to read as follows:

35-42 Sec. 502.042 [~~502.152~~]. [~~CERTIFICATE OF~~] TITLE REQUIRED  
35-43 FOR REGISTRATION. [~~(a)~~] The department may not register or renew  
35-44 the registration of a motor vehicle for which a [~~certificate of~~]  
35-45 title is required under Chapter 501 unless the owner:

35-46 (1) obtains a [~~certificate of~~] title for the vehicle;  
35-47 or

35-48 (2) presents satisfactory evidence that a  
35-49 [~~certificate of~~] title was previously issued to the owner by the  
35-50 department or another jurisdiction.

35-51 [~~(b) This section does not apply to an automobile that was~~  
35-52 ~~purchased new before January 1, 1936.~~]

35-53 SECTION 81. Section 502.151, Transportation Code, is  
35-54 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
35-55 redesignated as Section 502.043, Transportation Code, and amended  
35-56 to read as follows:

35-57 Sec. 502.043 [~~502.151~~]. APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION. (a)  
35-58 An application for vehicle registration must:

35-59 (1) be made in a manner prescribed and include the  
35-60 information required [~~on a form furnished~~] by the department by  
35-61 rule; and

35-62 (2) contain a [~~the~~] full description [~~name and address~~  
35-63 ~~of the owner~~] of the vehicle as required by department rule [~~+~~

35-64 [~~(3) contain a brief description of the vehicle,~~

35-65 [~~(4) contain any other information required by the~~  
35-66 ~~department, and~~

35-67 [~~(5) be signed by the owner~~].

35-68 (b) The department shall deny the [~~For a new motor vehicle,~~  
35-69 ~~the description of the vehicle must include the vehicle's:~~

36-1 ~~[(1) trade name,~~  
 36-2 ~~[(2) year model,~~  
 36-3 ~~[(3) style and type of body,~~  
 36-4 ~~[(4) weight, if the vehicle is a passenger car,~~  
 36-5 ~~[(5) net carrying capacity and gross weight, if the~~  
 36-6 ~~vehicle is a commercial motor vehicle,~~  
 36-7 ~~[(6) vehicle identification number, and~~  
 36-8 ~~[(7) date of sale by the manufacturer or dealer to the~~  
 36-9 ~~applicant.~~

36-10 ~~[(c) An applicant for]~~ registration of a commercial motor  
 36-11 vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer if the applicant:

36-12 (1) has a business operated, managed, or otherwise  
 36-13 controlled or affiliated with a person who is ineligible for  
 36-14 registration or whose privilege to operate has been suspended,  
 36-15 including the applicant entity, a relative, family member,  
 36-16 corporate officer, or shareholder;

36-17 (2) has a vehicle that has been prohibited from  
 36-18 operating by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for  
 36-19 safety-related reasons;

36-20 (3) is a carrier whose business is operated, managed,  
 36-21 or otherwise controlled or affiliated with a person who is  
 36-22 ineligible for registration, including the owner, a relative, a  
 36-23 family member, a corporate officer, or a shareholder; or

36-24 (4) fails to [must] deliver to the county  
 36-25 assessor-collector proof of [an affidavit showing] the weight of  
 36-26 the vehicle, the maximum load to be carried on the vehicle, and the  
 36-27 gross weight for which the vehicle is to be registered. [The  
 36-28 assessor-collector shall keep the affidavit on file.]

36-29 (c) [(d)] In lieu of filing an application during a year as  
 36-30 provided by Subsection (a), the owner of a vehicle registered in any  
 36-31 state for that year or the preceding year may present the  
 36-32 registration receipt and transfer receipt, if any. The county  
 36-33 assessor-collector shall accept the receipt as an application for  
 36-34 renewal of the registration if the receipt indicates the applicant  
 36-35 owns the vehicle. This section allows issuance for registration  
 36-36 purposes only but does not authorize the department to issue a  
 36-37 title.

36-38 (d) The department may require an applicant for  
 36-39 registration to provide current personal identification as  
 36-40 determined by department rule. Any identification number required  
 36-41 by the department under this subsection may be entered into the  
 36-42 department's electronic titling system but may not be printed on  
 36-43 the title.

36-44 ~~[(e) If an owner or claimed owner has lost or misplaced the~~  
 36-45 ~~registration receipt or transfer receipt for the vehicle, the~~  
 36-46 ~~county assessor-collector shall register the vehicle on the~~  
 36-47 ~~person's furnishing to the assessor-collector satisfactory~~  
 36-48 ~~evidence, by affidavit or otherwise, that the person owns the~~  
 36-49 ~~vehicle.~~

36-50 ~~[(f) A county assessor-collector shall date each~~  
 36-51 ~~registration receipt issued for a vehicle with the date on which the~~  
 36-52 ~~application for registration is made.]~~

36-53 SECTION 82. Section 502.158, Transportation Code, is  
 36-54 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 36-55 redesignated as Section 502.044, Transportation Code, and amended  
 36-56 to read as follows:

36-57 Sec. 502.044 ~~[502.158]~~. REGISTRATION PERIOD [YEAR]. (a)  
 36-58 The department shall designate a vehicle registration year of 12  
 36-59 consecutive months to begin on the first day of a calendar month and  
 36-60 end on the last day of the 12th calendar month.

36-61 (b) The department shall designate vehicle registration  
 36-62 years so as to distribute the work of the department and the county  
 36-63 assessor-collectors as uniformly as possible throughout the year.  
 36-64 The department may establish separate registration years for any  
 36-65 vehicle or classification of vehicle and may adopt rules to  
 36-66 administer the year-round registration system.

36-67 (c) The department may designate a registration period of  
 36-68 less than 12 months to be ~~[-. The registration fee for a~~  
 36-69 ~~registration period of less than 12 months is] computed at a rate of~~

37-1 one-twelfth the annual registration fee multiplied by the number of  
37-2 months in the registration period. The board by rule may allow  
37-3 payment of [department may not designate a registration period of  
37-4 more than 12 months, but:

37-5 ~~[(1) with the consent of the department, an owner may~~  
37-6 ~~pay] registration fees for a designated period not to exceed the~~  
37-7 ~~amount of time determined by department rule [of more than 12~~  
37-8 ~~months, and~~

37-9 ~~[(2) an owner of a vehicle may pay registration fees~~  
37-10 ~~for a designated period of 12, 24, or 36 months.~~

37-11 ~~[(d) An application for registration shall be made during~~  
37-12 ~~the two months preceding the date on which the registration~~  
37-13 ~~expires.~~

37-14 ~~[(e) The fee to be paid for renewing a registration is the~~  
37-15 ~~fee that will be in effect on the first day of the vehicle~~  
37-16 ~~registration year].~~

37-17 ~~(d) [(g)] The department shall issue [the applicant for~~  
37-18 ~~registration who pays registration fees for a designated period of~~  
37-19 ~~24 or 36 months] a registration receipt and registration insignia~~  
37-20 ~~that are valid until the expiration of the designated period.~~

37-21 SECTION 83. Section 502.176, Transportation Code, is  
37-22 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
37-23 redesignated as Section 502.045, Transportation Code, and amended  
37-24 to read as follows:

37-25 Sec. 502.045 [502.176]. DELINQUENT REGISTRATION. (a) A  
37-26 registration fee [prescribed by this chapter] for a vehicle becomes  
37-27 delinquent immediately if the vehicle is used on a public highway  
37-28 without the fee having been paid in accordance with this chapter.

37-29 (b) ~~An [A county assessor-collector that determines that~~  
37-30 ~~an] applicant for registration who provides [for which payment of~~  
37-31 ~~the registration fee is delinquent has provided] evidence~~  
37-32 ~~[acceptable to the assessor-collector sufficient] to establish~~  
37-33 ~~good reason for delinquent registration and who [that the~~  
37-34 ~~application] complies with the other requirements for registration~~  
37-35 ~~under this chapter may [shall] register the vehicle for a 12-month~~  
37-36 ~~period that ends on the last day of the 11th month after the month in~~  
37-37 ~~which the registration occurs under this subsection. [The~~  
37-38 ~~registration period for vehicles registered in accordance with~~  
37-39 ~~Sections 502.164, 502.167, 502.203, 502.255, 502.267, 502.277,~~  
37-40 ~~502.278, 502.293, as added by Chapter 1222, Acts of the 75th~~  
37-41 ~~Legislature, Regular Session, 1997, and 502.295, as added by~~  
37-42 ~~Chapter 625, Acts of the 75th Legislature, Regular Session, 1997,~~  
37-43 ~~will end on the annual registration date, and the registration fees~~  
37-44 ~~will be prorated.]~~

37-45 (c) ~~An [A county assessor-collector that determines that~~  
37-46 ~~an] applicant for registration who [that] is delinquent and has not~~  
37-47 ~~provided evidence acceptable [to the assessor-collector~~  
37-48 ~~sufficient] to establish good reason for delinquent registration~~  
37-49 ~~but who [that the application] complies with the other requirements~~  
37-50 ~~for registration under this chapter shall register the vehicle for~~  
37-51 ~~a 12-month period without changing the initial month of~~  
37-52 ~~registration.~~

37-53 (d) A person who has been arrested or received a citation  
37-54 for a violation of Section 502.472 [502.402] may register the  
37-55 vehicle being operated at the time of the offense [with the county  
37-56 assessor-collector] for a 12-month period without change to the  
37-57 initial month of registration only if the person:

37-58 (1) meets the other requirements for registration  
37-59 under this chapter; and

37-60 (2) pays an additional charge equal to 20 percent of  
37-61 the prescribed fee.

37-62 (e) The board by rule [county assessor-collector] shall  
37-63 adopt a list of evidentiary items sufficient to establish good  
37-64 reason for delinquent registration under Subsection (b) and provide  
37-65 for the [forms of] evidence that may be used to establish good  
37-66 reason under that subsection. ~~[The list of evidentiary items~~  
37-67 ~~adopted under this section must allow for delinquent registration~~  
37-68 ~~under Subsection (b) because of:~~

37-69 ~~[(1) extensive repairs on the vehicle;~~

38-1 ~~[(2) the absence of the owner of the vehicle from this~~  
38-2 ~~country;~~  
38-3 ~~[(3) seasonal use of the vehicle; or~~  
38-4 ~~[(4) any other reason determined by the~~  
38-5 ~~assessor-collector to be a valid explanation for the delinquent~~  
38-6 ~~registration.]~~

38-7 (f) The board ~~[department]~~ by rule shall adopt procedures to  
38-8 implement this section in connection with the delinquent  
38-9 registration of a vehicle registered directly with the department  
38-10 or through other means.

38-11 SECTION 84. Section 502.153, Transportation Code, is  
38-12 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
38-13 redesignated as Section 502.046, Transportation Code, and amended  
38-14 to read as follows:

38-15 Sec. 502.046 ~~[502.153]~~. EVIDENCE OF FINANCIAL  
38-16 RESPONSIBILITY. (a) Evidence ~~[Except as provided by Subsection~~  
38-17 ~~(j), the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a trailer or~~  
38-18 ~~semitrailer, for which evidence]~~ of financial responsibility as  
38-19 ~~[is]~~ required by Section 601.051 other than for a trailer or  
38-20 semitrailer ~~[or a person who represents the owner for purposes of~~  
38-21 ~~registering a motor vehicle]~~ shall be submitted ~~[submit evidence of~~  
38-22 ~~financial responsibility]~~ with the application for registration  
38-23 under Section 502.043 ~~[502.151]~~. A county assessor-collector may  
38-24 not register the motor vehicle unless the owner or the owner's  
38-25 representative submits the evidence of financial responsibility.

38-26 (b) The county assessor-collector shall examine the  
38-27 evidence of financial responsibility to determine whether it  
38-28 complies with Subsection (c). After examination, ~~[examining]~~  
38-29 ~~[, the assessor-collector]~~ shall be returned ~~[return the~~  
38-30 ~~evidence]~~ unless it is in the form of a photocopy or an electronic  
38-31 submission.

38-32 (c) In this section, evidence of financial responsibility  
38-33 may be:

38-34 (1) a document listed under Section 601.053(a) or  
38-35 verified in compliance with Section 601.452;

38-36 (2) a liability self-insurance or pool coverage  
38-37 document issued by a political subdivision or governmental pool  
38-38 under the authority of Chapter 791, Government Code, Chapter 119,  
38-39 Local Government Code, or other applicable law in at least the  
38-40 minimum amounts required by Chapter 601;

38-41 (3) a photocopy of a document described by Subdivision  
38-42 (1) or (2); or

38-43 (4) an electronic submission of a document or the  
38-44 information contained in a document described by Subdivision (1) or  
38-45 (2).

38-46 (d) A personal automobile policy used as evidence of  
38-47 financial responsibility under this section must comply with  
38-48 Section 1952.052 et seq. and Sections 2301.051 through 2301.055  
38-49 ~~[Article 5.06 or 5.145]~~, Insurance Code.

38-50 (e) At the time of registration, the county  
38-51 assessor-collector shall provide to a person registering a motor  
38-52 vehicle a ~~[separate]~~ statement that the motor vehicle ~~[being~~  
38-53 ~~registered]~~ may not be operated in this state unless:

38-54 (1) liability insurance coverage for the motor vehicle  
38-55 in at least the minimum amounts required by law remains in effect to  
38-56 insure against potential losses; or

38-57 (2) the motor vehicle is exempt from the insurance  
38-58 requirement because the person has established financial  
38-59 responsibility in a manner described by Sections ~~[Section]~~  
38-60 601.051(2)-(5) or is exempt under Section 601.052.

38-61 (f) A county assessor-collector is not liable to any person  
38-62 for refusing to register a motor vehicle to which this section  
38-63 applies because of the person's failure to submit evidence of  
38-64 financial responsibility that complies with Subsection (c).

38-65 (g) A county, a county assessor-collector, a deputy county  
38-66 assessor-collector, a person acting for or on behalf of a county or  
38-67 a county assessor-collector, or a person acting on behalf of an  
38-68 owner for purposes of registering a motor vehicle is not liable to  
38-69 any person for registering a motor vehicle under this section.

39-1 (h) This section does not prevent a person from registering  
39-2 a motor vehicle by mail or through an electronic submission.

39-3 (i) To be valid under this section, an electronic submission  
39-4 must be in a format that is:

39-5 (1) submitted by electronic means, including a  
39-6 telephone, facsimile machine, or computer;

39-7 (2) approved by the department; and

39-8 (3) authorized by the commissioners court for use in  
39-9 the county.

39-10 (j) This section does not apply to a vehicle registered  
39-11 pursuant to Section 501.0234.

39-12 SECTION 85. Section 502.009, Transportation Code, is  
39-13 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
39-14 redesignated as Section 502.047, Transportation Code, and amended  
39-15 to read as follows:

39-16 Sec. 502.047 [~~502.009~~]. MOTOR VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION  
39-17 AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS. (a) The Department of Public Safety  
39-18 shall ensure compliance with the motor vehicle emissions inspection  
39-19 and maintenance program through a vehicle inspection sticker-based  
39-20 enforcement system except as provided by this section or Section  
39-21 548.3011. Subsections (b)-(e) apply only if the United States  
39-22 Environmental Protection Agency determines that the state has not  
39-23 demonstrated, as required by 40 C.F.R. Section 51.361, that  
39-24 sticker-based enforcement of the program is more effective than  
39-25 registration-based enforcement and gives the Texas [~~Natural~~  
39-26 ~~Resource Conservation~~] Commission on Environmental Quality or the  
39-27 governor written notification that the reregistration-based  
39-28 enforcement of the program, as described by those subsections, will  
39-29 be required. If Subsections (b)-(e) are made applicable as  
39-30 provided by this subsection, the department shall terminate  
39-31 reregistration-based enforcement of the program under those  
39-32 subsections on the date the United States Environmental Protection  
39-33 Agency gives the Texas [~~Natural Resource Conservation~~] Commission  
39-34 on Environmental Quality or a person the commission designates  
39-35 written notification that reregistration-based enforcement is not  
39-36 required for the state implementation plan.

39-37 (b) A [~~The department may not register a~~] motor vehicle may  
39-38 not be registered if the department receives from the Texas  
39-39 [~~Natural Resource Conservation~~] Commission on Environmental  
39-40 Quality or the Department of Public Safety notification that the  
39-41 registered owner of the vehicle has not complied with Subchapter F,  
39-42 Chapter 548.

39-43 (c) A motor vehicle [~~The county tax assessor-collector~~] may  
39-44 not be registered if the [~~register a~~] vehicle was denied  
39-45 registration under Subsection (b) unless [~~the tax~~  
39-46 ~~assessor-collector has~~] verification is received that the  
39-47 registered vehicle owner is in compliance with Subchapter F,  
39-48 Chapter 548.

39-49 (d) The department, the Texas [~~Natural Resource~~  
39-50 ~~Conservation~~] Commission on Environmental Quality, and the  
39-51 Department of Public Safety shall enter an agreement regarding the  
39-52 responsibilities for costs associated with implementing this  
39-53 section.

39-54 (e) A county tax assessor-collector is not liable to any  
39-55 person for refusing to register a motor vehicle because of the  
39-56 person's failure to provide verification of the person's compliance  
39-57 with Subchapter F, Chapter 548.

39-58 SECTION 86. Section 502.005, Transportation Code, is  
39-59 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
39-60 redesignated as Section 502.048, Transportation Code, and amended  
39-61 to read as follows:

39-62 Sec. 502.048 [~~502.005~~]. REFUSAL TO REGISTER UNSAFE  
39-63 VEHICLE. [~~(a)~~] The department may refuse to register a motor  
39-64 vehicle and may cancel, suspend, or revoke a registration if the  
39-65 department determines that a motor vehicle is unsafe, improperly  
39-66 equipped, or otherwise unfit to be operated on a public highway.

39-67 [~~(b) The department may refuse to register a motorcycle and~~  
39-68 ~~may suspend or revoke the registration of a motorcycle if the~~  
39-69 ~~department determines that the motorcycle's braking system does not~~

40-1 ~~comply with Section 547.408.]~~

40-2 SECTION 87. Section 502.055(b), Transportation Code, is  
40-3 amended to read as follows:

40-4 (b) The department may require an applicant for  
40-5 registration under this chapter to provide the department with  
40-6 evidence of:

40-7 (1) the manufacturer's rated carrying capacity for the  
40-8 vehicle; or

40-9 (2) ~~[the nominal tonnage rating of the vehicle,~~

40-10 ~~[(3)] the gross vehicle weight rating [of the vehicle,~~  
40-11 ~~or~~

40-12 ~~[(4) any combination of information described in~~  
40-13 ~~Subdivisions (1)-(3)].~~

40-14 SECTION 88. Section 502.178, Transportation Code, is  
40-15 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
40-16 redesignated as Section 502.057, Transportation Code, and amended  
40-17 to read as follows:

40-18 Sec. 502.057 ~~[502.178]~~. REGISTRATION RECEIPT. ~~[(a)]~~ The  
40-19 department shall issue or require to be issued to the owner of a  
40-20 vehicle registered under this chapter a registration receipt  
40-21 showing the information required by rule ~~[+~~

40-22 ~~[(1) the date of issuance,~~

40-23 ~~[(2) the license number assigned to the vehicle,~~

40-24 ~~[(3) the name and address of the owner, and~~

40-25 ~~[(4) other information as determined by the~~  
40-26 ~~department.~~

40-27 ~~[(b) The registration receipt issued for a commercial motor~~  
40-28 ~~vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer must show the gross~~  
40-29 ~~weight for which the vehicle is registered].~~

40-30 SECTION 89. Section 502.179, Transportation Code, is  
40-31 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
40-32 redesignated as Section 502.058, Transportation Code, and amended  
40-33 to read as follows:

40-34 Sec. 502.058 ~~[502.179]~~. DUPLICATE REGISTRATION RECEIPT.

40-35 (a) The owner of a vehicle for which the registration receipt has  
40-36 been lost or destroyed may obtain a duplicate receipt from the  
40-37 department or the county assessor-collector who issued the original  
40-38 receipt by paying a fee of \$2.

40-39 (b) The office issuing a duplicate receipt shall retain the  
40-40 fee received ~~[as a fee of office]~~.

40-41 SECTION 90. Section 502.180, Transportation Code, is  
40-42 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
40-43 redesignated as Section 502.059, Transportation Code, and amended  
40-44 to read as follows:

40-45 Sec. 502.059 ~~[502.180]~~. ISSUANCE OF ~~[LICENSE PLATE OR]~~

40-46 REGISTRATION INSIGNIA. (a) On payment of the prescribed fee ~~[,~~  
40-47 ~~the department shall issue to]~~ an applicant for motor vehicle  
40-48 registration shall be issued a ~~[license plate or set of plates or a~~  
40-49 ~~device that, when attached to the vehicle as prescribed by the~~  
40-50 ~~department, is the]~~ registration insignia ~~[for the period for which~~  
40-51 ~~it was issued]~~.

40-52 (b) ~~[Subject to Subchapter I, the department shall issue~~  
40-53 ~~only one license plate or set of plates for a vehicle during a~~  
40-54 ~~five-year period.~~

40-55 ~~[(c)]~~ On application and payment of the prescribed fee for a  
40-56 renewal of the registration of a vehicle through the period set by  
40-57 rule ~~[for the first, second, third, or fourth registration year~~  
40-58 ~~after the issuance of a license plate or set of plates for the~~  
40-59 ~~vehicle]~~, the department shall issue a registration insignia for  
40-60 the validation of the license plate or plates to be attached as  
40-61 provided by Subsection (c) ~~[(d)]~~.

40-62 (c) ~~[(d)]~~ Except as provided by Subsection (f) ~~[(h)]~~, the  
40-63 registration insignia for validation of a license plate shall be  
40-64 attached to the inside of the vehicle's windshield, if the vehicle  
40-65 has a windshield, within six inches of the place where the motor  
40-66 vehicle inspection sticker is required to be placed. If the vehicle  
40-67 does not have a windshield, the owner, when applying for  
40-68 registration or renewal of registration, shall notify the  
40-69 department, and the department shall issue a distinctive device for



41-1 attachment to the rear license plate of the vehicle.

41-2 (d) Department [~~(e) The department shall adopt rules for~~  
41-3 ~~the issuance and use of license plates and registration insignia~~  
41-4 ~~issued under this chapter. The]~~ rules may provide for the use of an  
41-5 automated registration process, including:

41-6 (1) the automated on-site production of registration  
41-7 insignia; and

41-8 (2) automated on-premises and off-premises  
41-9 self-service registration.

41-10 (e) Subsection (c) does [~~(f) Subsections (b)-(d) do~~] not  
41-11 apply to:

41-12 (1) the issuance of specialized license plates as  
41-13 designated by the department, including state official license  
41-14 plates, exempt plates for governmental entities, and temporary  
41-15 registration plates; or

41-16 (2) the issuance or validation of replacement license  
41-17 plates, except as provided by Chapter 504 [~~Section 502.184~~].

41-18 (f) [~~(g) The department shall provide a separate and~~  
41-19 ~~distinctive tab to be affixed to the license plate of an automobile,~~  
41-20 ~~pickup, or recreational vehicle that is offered for rent, as a~~  
41-21 ~~business, to any part of the public.~~

41-22 [~~(h)]~~ The registration insignia [~~for validation of a~~  
41-23 ~~license plate]~~ shall be attached to the rear license plate of the  
41-24 vehicle, if the vehicle is:

41-25 (1) a motorcycle;

41-26 (2) machinery used exclusively to drill water wells or  
41-27 construction machinery for which a distinguishing license plate has  
41-28 been issued under Section 502.146 [~~504.504~~]; or

41-29 (3) oil well servicing, oil clean out, or oil well  
41-30 drilling machinery or equipment for which a distinguishing license  
41-31 plate has been issued under Subchapter G, Chapter 623.

41-32 SECTION 91. Section 502.184, Transportation Code, as  
41-33 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter B,  
41-34 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 502.060,  
41-35 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

41-36 Sec. 502.060 [~~502.184~~]. REPLACEMENT OF REGISTRATION  
41-37 INSIGNIA. (a) The owner of a registered motor vehicle may obtain a  
41-38 replacement registration insignia by:

41-39 (1) certifying that the replacement registration  
41-40 insignia will not be used on any other vehicle owned or operated by  
41-41 the person making the statement;

41-42 (2) paying a fee of \$6 plus the fees required by  
41-43 Section 502.356(a) [~~502.1705(a)~~] for each replacement registration  
41-44 insignia, except as provided by other law; and

41-45 (3) returning each replaced registration insignia in  
41-46 the owner's possession.

41-47 (b) No fee is required under this section if the replacement  
41-48 fee for a license plate has been paid under Section 504.007  
41-49 [~~502.1841~~].

41-50 (c) [~~The fee for replacement of license plates issued under~~  
41-51 ~~Section 504.507 is the amount prescribed by the department as~~  
41-52 ~~necessary to recover the cost of providing the replacement plates.~~

41-53 [~~(d) If license plates approved under Section 504.501(b) or~~  
41-54 ~~504.502(c) are lost, stolen, or mutilated, the owner of the vehicle~~  
41-55 ~~may obtain approval of another set of license plates as provided by~~  
41-56 ~~Section 504.501 or 504.502, respectively. The fee for approval of~~  
41-57 ~~replacement license plates is \$5.~~

41-58 [~~(e)]~~ A county assessor-collector may not issue a  
41-59 replacement registration insignia without complying with this  
41-60 section.

41-61 (d) [~~(f)]~~ A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of  
41-62 each fee collected under this section and shall report and send the  
41-63 remainder to the department.

41-64 [~~(g) Replacement license plates may be used in the~~  
41-65 ~~registration year in which the plates are issued and during each~~  
41-66 ~~succeeding year of the five-year period as prescribed by Section~~  
41-67 ~~502.180(b) if the registration insignia is properly attached.~~

41-68 [~~(h) Subsection (g) does not apply to the issuance of~~  
41-69 ~~specialized license plates as designated by the department,~~

42-1 ~~including state official license plates, exempt plates for~~  
42-2 ~~governmental entities, and temporary registration plates.~~

42-3 ~~[(i) The owner of a vehicle listed in Section 502.180(h) may~~  
42-4 ~~obtain replacement plates and a replacement registration insignia~~  
42-5 ~~by paying a fee of \$5 plus the fees required by Sections 502.170(a)~~  
42-6 ~~and 502.1705(a).]~~

42-7 SECTION 92. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 502,  
42-8 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

42-9 SUBCHAPTER C. SPECIAL REGISTRATIONS [~~COUNTY ADMINISTRATION~~]

42-10 SECTION 93. Section 502.0025, Transportation Code, is  
42-11 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
42-12 redesignated as Section 502.090, Transportation Code, and amended  
42-13 to read as follows:

42-14 Sec. 502.090 [~~502.0025~~]. EFFECT OF CERTAIN MILITARY  
42-15 SERVICE ON REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT. (a) This section applies  
42-16 only to a motor vehicle that is owned by a person who:

42-17 (1) is a resident of this state;  
42-18 (2) is on active duty in the armed forces of the United  
42-19 States;

42-20 (3) is stationed in or has been assigned to another  
42-21 nation under military orders; and

42-22 (4) has registered the vehicle or been issued a  
42-23 license for the vehicle under the applicable status of forces  
42-24 agreement by:

42-25 (A) the appropriate branch of the armed forces of  
42-26 the United States; or

42-27 (B) the nation in which the person is stationed  
42-28 or to which the person has been assigned.

42-29 (b) Unless the registration or license issued for a vehicle  
42-30 described by Subsection (a) is suspended, canceled, or revoked by  
42-31 this state as provided by law:

42-32 (1) Section 502.040(a) [~~502.002(a)~~] does not apply;  
42-33 and

42-34 (2) the registration or license issued by the armed  
42-35 forces or host nation remains valid and the motor vehicle may be  
42-36 operated in this state under that registration or license for a  
42-37 period of not more than 90 days after the date on which the vehicle  
42-38 returns to this state.

42-39 SECTION 94. Section 502.054, Transportation Code, is  
42-40 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
42-41 redesignated as Section 502.091, Transportation Code, and amended  
42-42 to read as follows:

42-43 Sec. 502.091 [~~502.054~~]. INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN  
42-44 [~~AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS; OFFENSE~~]. (a) The

42-45 department, through its director, may enter into an agreement with  
42-46 an authorized officer of another jurisdiction, including another  
42-47 state of the United States, a foreign country or a state, province,  
42-48 territory, or possession of a foreign country, to provide for:

42-49 (1) the registration of vehicles by residents of this  
42-50 state and nonresidents on an allocation or mileage apportionment  
42-51 plan, as under the International Registration Plan; and

42-52 (2) the exemption from payment of registration fees by  
42-53 nonresidents if residents of this state are granted reciprocal  
42-54 exemptions.

42-55 (b) The department may adopt and enforce rules to carry out  
42-56 the International Registration Plan or other agreement under this  
42-57 section.

42-58 (c) To carry out the International Registration Plan or  
42-59 other agreement under this section, the department shall direct  
42-60 that fees collected for other jurisdictions under the agreement be  
42-61 deposited to the credit of the proportional registration  
42-62 distributive fund in the state treasury and distributed to the  
42-63 appropriate jurisdiction through that fund. The department is not  
42-64 required to refund any amount less than \$10 unless required by the  
42-65 plan.

42-66 (d) This section prevails to the extent of conflict with  
42-67 another law relating to the subject of this section.

42-68 (e) A person commits an offense if the person owns or  
42-69 operates a vehicle not registered in this state in violation of:

43-1 (1) an agreement under this section; or  
 43-2 (2) the applicable registration laws of this state, in  
 43-3 the absence of an agreement under this section.  
 43-4 (f) An offense under Subsection (e) is a misdemeanor  
 43-5 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.  
 43-6 SECTION 95. Section 502.355, Transportation Code, is  
 43-7 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 43-8 redesignated as Section 502.092, Transportation Code, and amended  
 43-9 to read as follows:  
 43-10 Sec. 502.092 [~~502.355~~]. NONRESIDENT-OWNED VEHICLES USED  
 43-11 TO TRANSPORT FARM PRODUCTS [~~, OFFENSE~~]. (a) The department may  
 43-12 issue to a nonresident owner a permit for a truck, truck-tractor,  
 43-13 trailer, or semitrailer that:  
 43-14 (1) is registered in the owner's home state or country;  
 43-15 and  
 43-16 (2) will be used to transport:  
 43-17 (A) farm products produced in this state from the  
 43-18 place of production to a place of market or storage or a railhead  
 43-19 that is not more than 75 miles from the place of production;  
 43-20 (B) machinery used to harvest farm products  
 43-21 produced in this state; or  
 43-22 (C) farm products produced outside this state  
 43-23 from the point of entry into this state to a place of market,  
 43-24 storage, or processing or a railhead or seaport that is not more  
 43-25 than 80 miles from the point of entry.  
 43-26 (b) The department shall issue a distinguishing insignia  
 43-27 for a vehicle issued a permit under this section. The insignia must  
 43-28 be attached to the vehicle in lieu of regular license plates and  
 43-29 must show the permit expiration date. A permit issued under this  
 43-30 section is valid until the earlier of:  
 43-31 (1) the date the vehicle's registration in the owner's  
 43-32 home state or country expires; or  
 43-33 (2) the 30th day after the date the permit is issued.  
 43-34 (c) A person may obtain a permit under this section by:  
 43-35 (1) applying to the department in a manner [~~on a form~~]  
 43-36 prescribed by the department;  
 43-37 (2) paying a fee equal to 1/12 the registration fee  
 43-38 prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle;  
 43-39 (3) furnishing satisfactory evidence that the motor  
 43-40 vehicle is insured under an insurance policy that complies with  
 43-41 Section 601.072 and that is written by:  
 43-42 (A) an insurance company or surety company  
 43-43 authorized to write motor vehicle liability insurance in this  
 43-44 state; or  
 43-45 (B) with the department's approval, a surplus  
 43-46 lines insurer that meets the requirements of Chapter 981, Insurance  
 43-47 Code, and rules adopted by the commissioner of insurance under that  
 43-48 chapter, if the applicant is unable to obtain insurance from an  
 43-49 insurer described by Paragraph (A); and  
 43-50 (4) furnishing evidence that the vehicle has been  
 43-51 inspected as required under Chapter 548.  
 43-52 (d) A nonresident owner may not obtain more than three  
 43-53 permits under this section during a registration year.  
 43-54 (e) A vehicle for which a permit is issued under this  
 43-55 section may not be operated in this state after the permit expires  
 43-56 unless the owner:  
 43-57 (1) obtains another temporary permit; or  
 43-58 (2) registers the vehicle under Section 502.253,  
 43-59 502.254, 502.255 [~~502.162,~~ ~~502.165,~~ ~~502.166~~], or 502.256  
 43-60 [~~502.167~~], as appropriate, for the remainder of the registration  
 43-61 year.  
 43-62 (f) A vehicle for which a permit is issued under this  
 43-63 section may not be registered under Section 502.433 [~~502.163~~].  
 43-64 (g) A mileage referred to in this section is a state highway  
 43-65 mileage.  
 43-66 [~~(h) A person operating a vehicle under a permit issued~~  
 43-67 ~~under this section commits an offense if the person:~~  
 43-68 [~~(1) transports farm products to a place of market,~~  
 43-69 ~~storage, or processing or a railhead or seaport that is farther from~~

44-1 ~~the place of production or point of entry, as appropriate, than the~~  
44-2 ~~distance provided for in the permit; or~~  
44-3 ~~[(2) follows a route other than that prescribed by the~~  
44-4 ~~board.~~

44-5 ~~[(i) An offense under Subsection (h) is a misdemeanor~~  
44-6 ~~punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.]~~

44-7 SECTION 96. Section 502.353, Transportation Code, is  
44-8 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
44-9 redesignated as Section 502.093, Transportation Code, and amended  
44-10 to read as follows:

44-11 Sec. 502.093 [~~502.353~~]. [~~FOREIGN COMMERCIAL VEHICLES,~~  
44-12 ~~ANNUAL PERMITS~~ ~~[OFFENSE]~~. (a) The department may issue an annual  
44-13 permit in lieu of registration to a foreign commercial motor  
44-14 vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer that [+

44-15 ~~[(1)]~~ is subject to registration in this state [+ and  
44-16 ~~[(2)]~~ is not authorized to travel on a public highway  
44-17 because of the lack of registration in this state or the lack of  
44-18 reciprocity with the state or country in which the vehicle is  
44-19 registered.

44-20 (b) A permit issued under this section [+  
44-21 ~~[(1) is in lieu of registration; and~~  
44-22 ~~[(2)]~~ is valid for a vehicle registration year to  
44-23 begin on the first day of a calendar month designated by the  
44-24 department and end on the last day of the last calendar month of the  
44-25 registration year.

44-26 (c) A permit may not be issued under this section for the  
44-27 importation of citrus fruit into this state from a foreign country  
44-28 except for foreign export or processing for foreign export.

44-29 (d) A person may obtain a permit under this section by:  
44-30 (1) applying in the manner prescribed by ~~[(e)]~~ the  
44-31 department;

44-32 (2) paying a fee in the amount required by Subsection  
44-33 (e) in the manner prescribed by the department, including a service  
44-34 charge for a credit card payment or escrow account ~~[cash or by~~  
44-35 ~~postal money order or certified check]; and~~

44-36 (3) furnishing evidence of financial responsibility  
44-37 for the motor vehicle that complies with Sections 502.046(c)  
44-38 ~~[502.153(e)]~~ and 601.168(a), the policies to be written by an  
44-39 insurance company or surety company authorized to write motor  
44-40 vehicle liability insurance in this state.

44-41 (e) The fee for a permit under this section is the fee that  
44-42 would be required for registering the vehicle under Section 502.253  
44-43 ~~[502.162]~~ or 502.255 ~~[502.167]~~, except as provided by Subsection  
44-44 (f).

44-45 (f) A vehicle registered under this section is exempt from  
44-46 the token fee and is not required to display the associated  
44-47 distinguishing license plate if the vehicle:

44-48 (1) is a semitrailer that has a gross weight of more  
44-49 than 6,000 pounds; and

44-50 (2) is used or intended to be used in combination with  
44-51 a truck tractor or commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle  
44-52 weight ~~[manufacturer's rated carrying capacity]~~ of more than 10,000  
44-53 pounds ~~[one ton]~~.

44-54 (g) A vehicle registered under this section is not subject  
44-55 to the fee required by Section 502.401 ~~[502.172]~~ or 502.403  
44-56 ~~[502.173]~~.

44-57 ~~[(h) The department may:~~

44-58 ~~[(1) adopt rules to administer this section; and~~

44-59 ~~[(2) prescribe an application for a permit and other~~  
44-60 ~~forms under this section.~~

44-61 ~~[(i) A person who violates this section commits an offense.~~  
44-62 ~~An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine~~  
44-63 ~~not to exceed \$200.]~~

44-64 SECTION 97. Section 502.352, Transportation Code, is  
44-65 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
44-66 redesignated as Section 502.094, Transportation Code, and amended  
44-67 to read as follows:

44-68 Sec. 502.094 [~~502.352~~]. 72- OR 144-HOUR PERMITS [~~FOREIGN~~  
44-69 ~~COMMERCIAL VEHICLES]~~. (a) The department may issue a temporary

45-1 registration permit in lieu of registration for a commercial motor  
45-2 vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, or motor bus that:

45-3 (1) is owned by a resident of the United States,  
45-4 Canada, or the United Mexican States;

45-5 (2) is subject to registration in this state; and

45-6 (3) is not authorized to travel on a public highway  
45-7 because of the lack of registration in this state or the lack of  
45-8 reciprocity with the state or province in which the vehicle is  
45-9 registered.

45-10 (b) A permit issued under this section [~~+~~  
45-11 [~~(1) is in lieu of registration, and~~  
45-12 [~~(2)~~] is valid for the period stated on the permit,  
45-13 effective from the date and time shown on the receipt issued as  
45-14 evidence of registration under this section.

45-15 (c) A person may obtain a permit under this section by:

45-16 (1) applying to the county assessor-collector, the  
45-17 department, or the department's wire service agent, if the  
45-18 department has a wire service agent;

45-19 (2) paying a fee of \$25 for a 72-hour permit or \$50 for  
45-20 a 144-hour permit in the manner prescribed by the department that  
45-21 may include a service charge for a credit card payment or escrow  
45-22 account [~~+~~

45-23 [~~(A) in cash,~~

45-24 [~~(B) by postal money order,~~

45-25 [~~(C) by certified check,~~

45-26 [~~(D) by wire transfer through the department's~~  
45-27 ~~wire service agent, if any,~~

45-28 [~~(E) by an escrow account, or~~

45-29 [~~(F) where the service is provided, by a credit~~  
45-30 ~~card issued by:~~

45-31 [~~(i) a financial institution chartered by a~~  
45-32 ~~state or the United States, or~~

45-33 [~~(ii) a nationally recognized credit~~  
45-34 ~~organization approved by the board,~~

45-35 [~~(3) paying a discount or service charge for a credit~~  
45-36 ~~card payment or escrow account, in addition to the fee];~~

45-37 (3) [~~(4)~~] furnishing to the county  
45-38 assessor-collector, the department, or the department's wire  
45-39 service agent, evidence of financial responsibility for the vehicle  
45-40 that complies with Sections 502.046(c) [~~502.153(c)~~] and 601.168(a)  
45-41 [~~and is written by an insurance company or surety company~~  
45-42 ~~authorized to write motor vehicle liability insurance in this~~  
45-43 ~~state]; and~~

45-44 (4) [~~(5)~~] submitting a copy of the applicable federal  
45-45 declaration form required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety  
45-46 Administration or its successor in connection with the importation  
45-47 of a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment subject to the federal  
45-48 motor vehicle safety, bumper, and theft prevention standards.

45-49 (d) A county assessor-collector shall report and send a fee  
45-50 collected under this section in the manner provided by Section  
45-51 502.198 [~~Sections 502.102 and 502.105~~]. Each week, a wire service  
45-52 agent shall send to the department a report of all permits issued by  
45-53 the agent during the previous week. The board [~~department~~] by rule  
45-54 shall prescribe the format [~~form~~] and content of a report required  
45-55 by this subsection.

45-56 (e) [~~The department may:~~

45-57 [~~(1) adopt rules to administer this section, and~~

45-58 [~~(2) prescribe an application for a permit and other~~  
45-59 ~~forms under this section.~~

45-60 [~~(f)~~] A vehicle issued a permit under this section is  
45-61 subject to Subchapters B and F, Chapter 548, unless the vehicle:

45-62 (1) is registered in another state of the United  
45-63 States, in a province of Canada, or in a state of the United Mexican  
45-64 States; or

45-65 (2) is mobile drilling or servicing equipment used in  
45-66 the production of gas, crude petroleum, or oil, including a mobile  
45-67 crane or hoisting equipment, mobile lift equipment, forklift, or  
45-68 tug.

45-69 (f) [~~(g)~~] A commercial motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer,

46-1 or motor bus apprehended for violating a registration law of this  
46-2 state:

- 46-3 (1) may not be issued a permit under this section; and
- 46-4 (2) is immediately subject to registration in this
- 46-5 state.

46-6 (g) ~~[(h)]~~ A person who operates a commercial motor vehicle,  
46-7 trailer, or semitrailer with an expired permit issued under this  
46-8 section is considered to be operating an unregistered vehicle  
46-9 subject to each penalty prescribed by law.

46-10 (h) ~~[(i)]~~ The department may establish one or more escrow  
46-11 accounts in the state highway fund for the prepayment of a 72-hour  
46-12 permit or a 144-hour permit. Any fee established by the department  
46-13 for the administration of this subsection shall be administered as  
46-14 required by an agreement entered into by the department.

46-15 SECTION 98. Section 502.354, Transportation Code, is  
46-16 transferred to Subchapter C, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
46-17 redesignated as Section 502.095, Transportation Code, and amended  
46-18 to read as follows:

46-19 Sec. 502.095 ~~[502.354]~~. ONE-TRIP [SINGLE] OR 30-DAY TRIP  
46-20 PERMITS [~~+~~ OFFENSE]. (a) The department may issue a temporary  
46-21 permit in lieu of registration for a vehicle ~~[that~~

46-22 ~~[(1) is]~~ subject to registration in this state that ~~+~~  
46-23 and

46-24 ~~[(2)]~~ is not authorized to travel on a public highway  
46-25 because of the lack of registration in this state or the lack of  
46-26 reciprocity with the state or country in which the vehicle is  
46-27 registered.

46-28 (b) A permit issued under this section ~~+~~  
46-29 ~~[(1) is in lieu of registration, and~~  
46-30 ~~[(2)]~~ is valid for:

- 46-31 (1) ~~[(A)]~~ one trip, as provided by Subsection (c); or
- 46-32 (2) ~~[(B)]~~ 30 days, as provided by Subsection (d).

46-33 (c) A one-trip permit is valid for one trip between the  
46-34 points of origin and destination and those intermediate points  
46-35 specified in the application and registration receipt. Unless the  
46-36 vehicle is a bus operating under charter that is not covered by a  
46-37 reciprocity agreement with the state or country in which the bus is  
46-38 registered, a one-trip permit is for the transit of the vehicle  
46-39 only, and the vehicle may not be used for the transportation of any  
46-40 passenger or property. A one-trip permit may not be valid for  
46-41 longer than 15 days from the effective date of registration.

46-42 (d) A 30-day permit may be issued only to a passenger  
46-43 vehicle, a private bus, a trailer or semitrailer with a gross weight  
46-44 of not more than 10,000 pounds, a light truck, or a light commercial  
46-45 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight ~~[manufacturer's rated carrying~~  
46-46 ~~capacity]~~ of more than 10,000 pounds ~~[one ton]~~ that will operate  
46-47 unladen. A person may obtain multiple 30-day permits. The  
46-48 department may issue a single registration receipt to apply to all  
46-49 of the periods for which the vehicle is registered.

46-50 (e) A person may obtain a permit under this section by:

- 46-51 (1) applying as ~~[on a form]~~ provided by the department

46-52 to:

46-53 (A) the county assessor-collector of the county  
46-54 in which the vehicle will first be operated on a public highway; or

46-55 (B) the department in Austin or at one of the  
46-56 department's vehicle title and registration regional offices;

- 46-57 (2) paying a fee, in the manner prescribed by the  
46-58 department including a registration service charge for a credit  
46-59 card payment or escrow account ~~[cash or by postal money order or~~  
46-60 ~~certified check,]~~ of:

- 46-61 (A) \$5 for a one-trip permit; or
- 46-62 (B) \$25 for each 30-day period; and

46-63 (3) furnishing evidence of financial responsibility  
46-64 for the vehicle in a form listed under Section 502.046(c)  
46-65 ~~[502.153(c)]~~.

46-66 (f) A registration receipt ~~[and temporary tag]~~ shall be  
46-67 carried in the vehicle at all times during the period in which it is  
46-68 valid ~~[issued on forms provided by the department]~~. The temporary  
46-69 tag must contain all pertinent information required by this section

47-1 and must be displayed in the rear window of the vehicle so that the  
47-2 tag is clearly visible and legible when viewed from the rear of the  
47-3 vehicle. If the vehicle does not have a rear window, the temporary  
47-4 tag must be attached on or carried in the vehicle to allow ready  
47-5 inspection. The registration receipt must be carried in the  
47-6 vehicle at all times during the period in which it is valid.

47-7 (g) The department may refuse and may instruct a county  
47-8 assessor-collector to refuse to issue a temporary registration for  
47-9 any vehicle if, in the department's opinion, the vehicle or the  
47-10 owner of the vehicle has been involved in operations that  
47-11 constitute an abuse of the privilege granted by this section. A  
47-12 registration issued after notice to a county assessor-collector  
47-13 under this subsection is void.

47-14 ~~[(h) A person issued a temporary registration under this~~  
47-15 ~~section who operates a vehicle in violation of Subsection (f)~~  
47-16 ~~commits an offense. An offense under this subsection is a Class C~~  
47-17 ~~misdemeanor.~~

47-18 ~~[(i) The department may:~~  
47-19 ~~(1) adopt rules to administer this section; and~~  
47-20 ~~(2) prescribe an application for a permit and other~~  
47-21 ~~forms under this section.]~~

47-22 SECTION 99. The heading to Subchapter D, Chapter 502,  
47-23 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

47-24 SUBCHAPTER D. VEHICLES NOT ISSUED REGISTRATION ~~[PROCEDURES AND~~  
47-25 ~~FEES]~~

47-26 SECTION 100. Section 502.006, Transportation Code, is  
47-27 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
47-28 redesignated as Section 502.140, Transportation Code, and amended  
47-29 to read as follows:

47-30 Sec. 502.140 ~~[502.006]~~. CERTAIN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES.  
47-31 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person may not register  
47-32 an all-terrain vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle, with  
47-33 or without design alterations, for operation on a public highway.

47-34 (b) The state, a county, or a municipality may register an  
47-35 all-terrain vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle for  
47-36 operation on a public beach or highway to maintain public safety and  
47-37 welfare.

47-38 (c) A recreational off-highway vehicle registered as  
47-39 provided by Subsection (b) may be operated on a public or private  
47-40 beach in the same manner as a golf cart may be operated on a public  
47-41 or private beach under Section 551.403 ~~[502.0071]~~. The operator  
47-42 must hold and have in the operator's possession a driver's license  
47-43 issued under Chapter 521 or a commercial driver's license issued  
47-44 under Chapter 522.

47-45 (d) Section 504.401 ~~[502.172]~~ does not apply to an  
47-46 all-terrain vehicle or a recreational off-highway vehicle.

47-47 (e) Operation of an all-terrain vehicle or recreational  
47-48 off-highway vehicle in compliance with Section 663.037 does not  
47-49 require registration under Subsection (b).

47-50 SECTION 101. Section 502.0072, Transportation Code, is  
47-51 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
47-52 redesignated as Section 502.142, Transportation Code, to read as  
47-53 follows:

47-54 Sec. 502.142 ~~[502.0072]~~. MANUFACTURED HOUSING.  
47-55 Manufactured housing, as defined by Section 1201.003, Occupations  
47-56 Code, is not a vehicle subject to this chapter.

47-57 SECTION 102. Section 502.0073, Transportation Code, is  
47-58 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
47-59 redesignated as Section 502.143, Transportation Code, and amended  
47-60 to read as follows:

47-61 Sec. 502.143 ~~[502.0073]~~. OTHER VEHICLES ~~[POWER SWEEPERS]~~.  
47-62 ~~[(a)]~~ An owner may ~~[of a power sweeper is]~~ not ~~[required to]~~  
47-63 register the following vehicles for operation on a public highway:

- 47-64 (1) power sweepers;
- 47-65 (2) motorized mobility devices;
- 47-66 (3) electric personal assistive mobility devices; and
- 47-67 (4) electric bicycles ~~[sweeper].~~

47-68 ~~[(b) In this section, "power sweeper" means an implement,~~  
47-69 ~~with or without motive power, designed for the removal by broom,~~

48-1 ~~vacuum, or regenerative air system of debris, dirt, gravel, litter,~~  
48-2 ~~or sand from asphaltic concrete or cement concrete surfaces,~~  
48-3 ~~including surfaces of parking lots, roads, streets, highways, and~~  
48-4 ~~warehouse floors. The term includes a vehicle on which the~~  
48-5 ~~implement is permanently mounted if the vehicle is used only as a~~  
48-6 ~~power sweeper.]~~

48-7 SECTION 103. Section 502.0078, Transportation Code, is  
48-8 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
48-9 redesignated as Section 502.144, Transportation Code, to read as  
48-10 follows:

48-11 Sec. 502.144 [~~502.0078~~]. VEHICLES OPERATED ON PUBLIC  
48-12 HIGHWAY SEPARATING REAL PROPERTY UNDER VEHICLE OWNER'S CONTROL.  
48-13 Where a public highway separates real property under the control of  
48-14 the owner of a motor vehicle, the operation of the motor vehicle by  
48-15 the owner or the owner's agent or employee across the highway is not  
48-16 a use of the motor vehicle on the public highway.

48-17 SECTION 104. Section 502.0079, Transportation Code, is  
48-18 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
48-19 redesignated as Section 502.145, Transportation Code, and amended  
48-20 to read as follows:

48-21 Sec. 502.145 [~~502.0079~~]. VEHICLES OPERATED BY CERTAIN  
48-22 NONRESIDENTS. (a) [~~A nonresident owner of a motor vehicle,~~  
48-23 ~~trailer, or semitrailer that is registered in the state or country~~  
48-24 ~~in which the person resides may operate the vehicle to transport~~  
48-25 ~~persons or property for compensation without being registered in~~  
48-26 ~~this state, if the person does not exceed two trips in a calendar~~  
48-27 ~~month and each trip does not exceed four days.~~

48-28 [~~(b) A nonresident owner of a privately owned vehicle that~~  
48-29 ~~is not registered in this state may not make more than five~~  
48-30 ~~occasional trips in any calendar month into this state using the~~  
48-31 ~~vehicle. Each occasional trip into this state may not exceed five~~  
48-32 ~~days.~~

48-33 [~~(c)~~] A nonresident owner of a privately owned passenger car  
48-34 that is registered in the state or country in which the person  
48-35 resides and that is not operated for compensation may operate the  
48-36 car in this state for the period in which the car's license plates  
48-37 are valid. In this subsection, "nonresident" means a resident of a  
48-38 state or country other than this state whose presence in this state  
48-39 is as a visitor and who does not engage in gainful employment or  
48-40 enter into business or an occupation, except as may otherwise be  
48-41 provided by any reciprocal agreement with another state or country.

48-42 (b) [~~(a)~~] This section does not prevent:

48-43 (1) a nonresident owner of a motor vehicle from  
48-44 operating the vehicle in this state for the sole purpose of  
48-45 marketing farm products raised exclusively by the person; or

48-46 (2) a resident of an adjoining state or country from  
48-47 operating in this state a privately owned and registered vehicle to  
48-48 go to and from the person's place of regular employment and to make  
48-49 trips to purchase merchandise, if the vehicle is not operated for  
48-50 compensation.

48-51 (c) [~~(e)~~] The privileges provided by this section may be  
48-52 allowed only if, under the laws of the appropriate state or country,  
48-53 similar privileges are granted to vehicles registered under the  
48-54 laws of this state and owned by residents of this state.

48-55 (d) [~~(f)~~] This section does not affect the right or status  
48-56 of a vehicle owner under any reciprocal agreement between this  
48-57 state and another state or country.

48-58 SECTION 105. Section 504.504, Transportation Code, is  
48-59 transferred to Subchapter D, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
48-60 redesignated as Section 502.146, Transportation Code, and amended  
48-61 to read as follows:

48-62 Sec. 502.146 [~~504.504~~]. CERTAIN FARM VEHICLES AND DRILLING  
48-63 AND CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. (a) The department shall issue  
48-64 specialty license plates to a vehicle described by Subsection (b)  
48-65 or (c). The fee for the license plates is \$5.

48-66 (b) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is  
48-67 used only temporarily on the highways if the vehicle is:

48-68 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross  
48-69 weight of more than 4,000 pounds but not more than 34,000 pounds



49-1 that is used exclusively to transport:  
 49-2 (A) seasonally harvested agricultural products  
 49-3 or livestock from the place of production to the place of  
 49-4 processing, market, or storage; or  
 49-5 (B) farm supplies from the place of loading to  
 49-6 the farm;  
 49-7 (2) machinery used exclusively for the purpose of  
 49-8 drilling water wells; [~~or~~]  
 49-9 (3) oil well servicing or drilling machinery and if at  
 49-10 the time of obtaining the license plates, the applicant submits  
 49-11 proof that the applicant has a permit under Section 623.142; or  
 49-12 (4) construction machinery [that is not designed to  
 49-13 transport persons or property on a public highway].  
 49-14 (c) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is:  
 49-15 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer owned by a  
 49-16 cotton gin and used exclusively to transport agricultural products  
 49-17 without charge from the place of production to the place of  
 49-18 processing, market, or storage;  
 49-19 (2) a trailer used exclusively to transport fertilizer  
 49-20 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm; or  
 49-21 (3) a trailer used exclusively to transport cottonseed  
 49-22 without charge from a place of supply or storage to a farm or place  
 49-23 of processing.  
 49-24 (d) A vehicle described by Subsection (b) is exempt from the  
 49-25 inspection requirements of Subchapters B and F, Chapter 548.  
 49-26 (e) This section does not apply to a farm trailer or farm  
 49-27 semitrailer that:  
 49-28 (1) is used for hire;  
 49-29 (2) has metal tires operating in contact with the  
 49-30 highway;  
 49-31 (3) is not equipped with an adequate hitch pinned or  
 49-32 locked so that it will remain securely engaged to the towing vehicle  
 49-33 while in motion; or  
 49-34 (4) is not operated and equipped in compliance with  
 49-35 all other law.  
 49-36 (f) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated  
 49-37 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be  
 49-38 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the  
 49-39 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by this  
 49-40 chapter [Chapter 502].  
 49-41 (g) In this section, the gross weight of a trailer or  
 49-42 semitrailer is the combined weight of the vehicle and the load  
 49-43 carried on the highway.  
 49-44 SECTION 106. The heading to Subchapter E, Chapter 502,  
 49-45 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:  
 49-46 SUBCHAPTER E. ADMINISTRATION OF FEES [~~SPECIALLY DESIGNATED LICENSE~~  
 49-47 ~~PLATES, EXEMPTIONS FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL~~  
 49-48 ~~VEHICLES]~~  
 49-49 SECTION 107. Section 502.159, Transportation Code, is  
 49-50 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 49-51 redesignated as Section 502.190, Transportation Code, and amended  
 49-52 to read as follows:  
 49-53 Sec. 502.190 [~~502.159~~]. SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION FEES.  
 49-54 The department shall post [~~compile and furnish to each county~~  
 49-55 ~~assessor-collector~~] a complete schedule of registration fees on the  
 49-56 Internet [~~to be collected on the various makes, models, and types of~~  
 49-57 ~~vehicles~~].  
 49-58 SECTION 108. Section 502.004, Transportation Code, is  
 49-59 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 49-60 redesignated as Section 502.191, Transportation Code, and amended  
 49-61 to read as follows:  
 49-62 Sec. 502.191 [~~502.004~~]. COLLECTION OF FEES. (a) A person  
 49-63 may not collect a registration fee under this chapter unless the  
 49-64 person is:  
 49-65 (1) an officer or employee of the department; or  
 49-66 (2) a county assessor-collector or a deputy county  
 49-67 assessor-collector.  
 49-68 (b) The department may accept electronic payment by  
 49-69 electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card of any fee

50-1 that the department is authorized to collect under this chapter.

50-2 (c) The department may collect a fee for processing a  
 50-3 payment by electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card.  
 50-4 The amount of the fee must be reasonably related to the expense  
 50-5 incurred by the department in processing the payment by electronic  
 50-6 funds transfer, credit card, or debit card and may not be more than  
 50-7 five percent of the amount of the fee being paid.

50-8 (d) In addition to the fee authorized by Subsection (c), the  
 50-9 department may collect from a person making payment by electronic  
 50-10 funds transfer, credit card, or debit card an amount equal to the  
 50-11 amount of any transaction fee charged to the department by a vendor  
 50-12 providing services in connection with payments made by electronic  
 50-13 funds transfer, credit card, or debit card. The limitation  
 50-14 prescribed by Subsection (c) on the amount of a fee does not apply  
 50-15 to a fee collected under this subsection.

50-16 (e) If, for any reason, the payment of a fee under this  
 50-17 chapter by electronic funds transfer, credit card, or debit card is  
 50-18 not honored by the funding institution or by the electronic funds  
 50-19 transfer, credit card, or debit card company on which the funds are  
 50-20 drawn, the department may collect from the person who owes the fee  
 50-21 being collected a service charge that is for the collection of that  
 50-22 original amount and is in addition to the original fee. The amount  
 50-23 of the service charge must be reasonably related to the expense  
 50-24 incurred by the department in collecting the original amount.

50-25 SECTION 109. Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation  
 50-26 Code, is amended by adding Section 502.192 to read as follows:

50-27 Sec. 502.192. TRANSFER FEE. The purchaser of a used motor  
 50-28 vehicle shall pay, in addition to any fee required under Chapter 501  
 50-29 for the transfer of title, a transfer fee of \$2.50 for the transfer  
 50-30 of the registration of the motor vehicle. The county  
 50-31 assessor-collector may retain as commission for services provided  
 50-32 under this subchapter half of each transfer fee collected.

50-33 SECTION 110. Section 502.181, Transportation Code, is  
 50-34 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 50-35 redesignated as Section 502.193, Transportation Code, and amended  
 50-36 to read as follows:

50-37 Sec. 502.193 [502.181]. PAYMENT [OF REGISTRATION FEE] BY  
 50-38 CHECK DRAWN AGAINST INSUFFICIENT FUNDS. (a) A county  
 50-39 assessor-collector who receives from any person a check or draft  
 50-40 for [~~drawn on a bank or trust company in~~] payment of a registration  
 50-41 fee for a registration year that has not ended [~~on a motor vehicle,~~  
 50-42 ~~trailer, or motorcycle sidecar~~] that is returned unpaid because of  
 50-43 insufficient funds or no funds in the bank or trust company to the  
 50-44 credit of the drawer of the check or draft shall certify the fact to  
 50-45 the sheriff or a constable or highway patrol officer in the county  
 50-46 after attempts to contact the person fail to result in the  
 50-47 collection of payment. The certification must be made before the  
 50-48 30th day after the date the check or draft is returned unpaid and:

50-49 (1) be under the assessor-collector's official seal;  
 50-50 (2) include the name and address of the person who gave  
 50-51 the [~~assessor-collector the~~] check or draft;  
 50-52 (3) include the license plate number and make of the  
 50-53 vehicle;

50-54 (4) be accompanied by the check or draft; and  
 50-55 (5) be accompanied by documentation of any attempt to  
 50-56 contact the person and collect payment.

50-57 (b) On receiving a complaint under Subsection (a) from the  
 50-58 county assessor-collector, the sheriff, constable, or highway  
 50-59 patrol officer shall find the person who gave the  
 50-60 [~~assessor-collector the~~] check or draft, if the person is in the  
 50-61 county, and demand immediate redemption of the check or draft from  
 50-62 the person. If the person fails or refuses to redeem the check or  
 50-63 draft, the sheriff, constable, or highway patrol officer shall:

50-64 (1) seize and remove the license plates and  
 50-65 registration insignia from the vehicle; and

50-66 (2) return the license plates and registration  
 50-67 insignia to the county assessor-collector.

50-68 SECTION 111. Section 502.182, Transportation Code, is  
 50-69 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,

51-1 redesignated as Section 502.194, Transportation Code, and amended  
51-2 to read as follows:

51-3       Sec. 502.194 [~~502.182~~]. CREDIT FOR REGISTRATION FEE PAID ON  
51-4 MOTOR VEHICLE SUBSEQUENTLY DESTROYED. (a) The owner of a motor  
51-5 vehicle that is destroyed to the extent that it cannot afterwards be  
51-6 operated on a public highway is entitled to a registration fee  
51-7 credit if the prorated portion of the registration fee for the  
51-8 remainder of the registration year is more than \$15. The owner must  
51-9 claim the credit by [+

51-10       [~~(1)~~] sending the registration fee receipt [~~and the~~  
51-11 ~~license plates~~] for the vehicle to the department [~~+~~ and

51-12       [~~(2)~~ ~~executing a statement on a form provided by the~~  
51-13 ~~department showing that the license plates have been surrendered to~~  
51-14 ~~the department~~].

51-15       (b) The department, on satisfactory proof that the vehicle  
51-16 is destroyed, shall issue a registration fee credit slip to the  
51-17 owner in an amount equal to the prorated portion of the registration  
51-18 fee for the remainder of the registration year. The owner, during  
51-19 the same or the next registration year, may use the registration fee  
51-20 credit slip as payment or part payment for the registration of  
51-21 another vehicle to the extent of the credit.

51-22       [~~(c)~~ ~~A statement executed under Subsection (a)(2) shall be~~  
51-23 ~~delivered to a purchaser of the destroyed vehicle. The purchaser~~  
51-24 ~~may surrender the statement to the department in lieu of the vehicle~~  
51-25 ~~license plates.~~

51-26       [~~(d)~~ ~~The department shall adopt rules to administer this~~  
51-27 ~~section.~~]

51-28       SECTION 112. Section 502.183, Transportation Code, is  
51-29 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
51-30 redesignated as Section 502.195, Transportation Code, and amended  
51-31 to read as follows:

51-32       Sec. 502.195 [~~502.183~~]. REFUND OF OVERCHARGED  
51-33 REGISTRATION FEE. (a) The owner of a motor vehicle [~~that is~~  
51-34 ~~required to be registered~~] who pays an annual registration fee in  
51-35 excess of the statutory amount is entitled to a refund of the  
51-36 overcharge.

51-37       (b) The county assessor-collector who collects the  
51-38 excessive fee shall refund an overcharge on presentation to the  
51-39 assessor-collector of satisfactory evidence of the overcharge[~~-~~  
51-40 ~~The owner must make a claim for a refund of an overcharge~~] not later  
51-41 than the first [~~fifth~~] anniversary of the date the excessive  
51-42 registration fee was paid.

51-43       (c) A refund shall be paid from the fund in which the  
51-44 county's share of registration fees is deposited.

51-45       SECTION 113. Section 502.051, Transportation Code, is  
51-46 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
51-47 redesignated as Section 502.196, Transportation Code, to read as  
51-48 follows:

51-49       Sec. 502.196 [~~502.051~~]. DEPOSIT OF REGISTRATION FEES IN  
51-50 STATE HIGHWAY FUND. Except as otherwise provided by this chapter,  
51-51 the board and the department shall deposit all money received from  
51-52 registration fees in the state treasury to the credit of the state  
51-53 highway fund.

51-54       SECTION 114. Section 502.101, Transportation Code, is  
51-55 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
51-56 redesignated as Section 502.197, Transportation Code, to read as  
51-57 follows:

51-58       Sec. 502.197 [~~502.101~~]. REGISTRATION BY MAIL OR ELECTRONIC  
51-59 MEANS; SERVICE CHARGE. (a) A county assessor-collector may  
51-60 collect a service charge of \$1 from each applicant registering a  
51-61 vehicle by mail. The service charge shall be used to pay the costs  
51-62 of handling and postage to mail the registration receipt and  
51-63 insignia to the applicant.

51-64       (b) With the approval of the commissioners court of a  
51-65 county, a county assessor-collector may contract with a private  
51-66 entity to enable an applicant for registration to use an electronic  
51-67 off-premises location. A private entity may charge an applicant  
51-68 not more than \$1 for the service provided.

51-69       (c) The department may adopt rules to cover the timely

52-1 application for and issuance of registration receipts and insignia  
52-2 by mail or through an electronic off-premises location.

52-3 SECTION 115. Section 502.102, Transportation Code, is  
52-4 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
52-5 redesignated as Section 502.198, Transportation Code, and amended  
52-6 to read as follows:

52-7 Sec. 502.198 [~~502.102~~]. DISPOSITION OF FEES GENERALLY.

52-8 (a) Except as provided by Sections 502.1982 [~~502.103~~] and 502.357  
52-9 [~~502.104~~], this section applies to all fees collected by a county  
52-10 assessor-collector under this chapter.

52-11 (b) Each Monday, a county assessor-collector shall credit  
52-12 to the county road and bridge fund an amount equal to the net  
52-13 collections made during the preceding week until the amount so  
52-14 credited for the calendar year equals the total of:

52-15 (1) \$60,000;

52-16 (2) \$350 for each mile of county road maintained by the  
52-17 county, according to the most recent information available from the  
52-18 department, not to exceed 500 miles; and

52-19 (3) an additional amount of fees equal to the amount  
52-20 calculated under Section 502.1981 [~~502.1025~~].

52-21 (c) After the credits to the county road and bridge fund  
52-22 equal the total computed under Subsection (b), each Monday the  
52-23 county assessor-collector shall:

52-24 (1) credit to the county road and bridge fund an amount  
52-25 equal to 50 percent of the net collections made during the preceding  
52-26 week, until the amount so credited for the calendar year equals  
52-27 \$125,000; and

52-28 (2) send to the department an amount equal to 50  
52-29 percent of those collections.

52-30 (d) After the credits to the county road and bridge fund  
52-31 equal the total amounts computed under Subsections (b) and (c)(1),  
52-32 each Monday the county assessor-collector shall send to the  
52-33 department all collections made during the preceding week.

52-34 [~~(e) Each Monday the county assessor-collector shall send~~  
52-35 ~~to the department a copy of each receipt issued the previous week~~  
52-36 ~~for a registration fee under this chapter.~~]

52-37 SECTION 116. Section 502.1025, Transportation Code, is  
52-38 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
52-39 redesignated as Section 502.1981, Transportation Code, and amended  
52-40 to read as follows:

52-41 Sec. 502.1981 [~~502.1025~~]. CALCULATION OF ADDITIONAL FEE  
52-42 AMOUNTS RETAINED BY A COUNTY. (a) The county tax

52-43 assessor-collector each calendar year shall calculate five percent  
52-44 of the tax and penalties collected by the county tax  
52-45 assessor-collector under Chapter 152, Tax Code, in the preceding  
52-46 calendar year. In addition, the county tax assessor-collector  
52-47 shall calculate each calendar year an amount equal to five percent  
52-48 of the tax and penalties that the comptroller:

52-49 (1) collected under Section 152.047, Tax Code, in the  
52-50 preceding calendar year; and

52-51 (2) determines are attributable to sales in the  
52-52 county.

52-53 (b) A county tax assessor-collector shall retain under  
52-54 Section 502.198(b) [~~502.102(b)~~] fees based on the following  
52-55 percentage of the amounts calculated under Subsection [~~subsection~~]

52-56 (a) during each of the following fiscal years:

52-57 (1) [~~in fiscal year 2006, 90 percent,~~

52-58 [~~(2) in fiscal year 2007, 80 percent,~~

52-59 [~~(3) in fiscal year 2008, 70 percent,~~

52-60 [~~(4) in fiscal year 2009, 60 percent,~~

52-61 [~~(5) in fiscal year 2010, 50 percent,~~

52-62 [~~(6) in fiscal year 2011, 40 percent,~~

52-63 [~~(7)~~] in fiscal year 2012, 30 percent;

52-64 (2) [~~(8)~~] in fiscal year 2013, 20 percent;

52-65 (3) [~~(9)~~] in fiscal year 2014, 10 percent;

52-66 (4) [~~(10)~~] in fiscal year 2015 and succeeding years, 0  
52-67 percent.

52-68 (c) The county shall credit the amounts retained under  
52-69 Subsection (b) to the county road and bridge fund. Money credited

53-1 to the fund under this section may only be used for:  
 53-2 (1) county road construction, maintenance, and  
 53-3 repair;  
 53-4 (2) bridge construction, maintenance, and repair;  
 53-5 (3) the purchase of right-of-way for road or highway  
 53-6 purposes; or  
 53-7 (4) the relocation of utilities for road or highway  
 53-8 purposes.

53-9 SECTION 117. Section 502.103, Transportation Code, is  
 53-10 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 53-11 redesignated as Section 502.1982, Transportation Code, and amended  
 53-12 to read as follows:

53-13 Sec. 502.1982 [~~502.103~~]. DISPOSITION OF OPTIONAL COUNTY  
 53-14 ROAD AND BRIDGE FEE. Each Monday a county assessor-collector shall  
 53-15 apportion the collections for the preceding week for a fee imposed  
 53-16 under Section 502.401 [~~502.172~~] by:

53-17 (1) crediting an amount equal to 97 percent of the  
 53-18 collections to the county road and bridge fund; and

53-19 (2) sending to the department an amount equal to three  
 53-20 percent of the collections to defray the department's costs of  
 53-21 administering Section 502.401 [~~502.172~~].

53-22 SECTION 118. Section 502.106, Transportation Code, is  
 53-23 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 53-24 redesignated as Section 502.1983, Transportation Code, and amended  
 53-25 to read as follows:

53-26 Sec. 502.1983 [~~502.106~~]. DEPOSIT OF FEES IN  
 53-27 INTEREST-BEARING ACCOUNT. (a) Except as provided by Sections  
 53-28 502.1982 [~~502.103~~] and 502.357 [~~502.104~~], a county  
 53-29 assessor-collector may:

53-30 (1) deposit the fees in an interest-bearing account or  
 53-31 certificate in the county depository; and

53-32 (2) send the fees to the department not later than the  
 53-33 34th day after the date the fees are due under Section 502.357  
 53-34 [~~502.104~~].

53-35 (b) The county owns all interest earned on fees deposited  
 53-36 under this section. The county treasurer shall credit the interest  
 53-37 to the county general fund.

53-38 SECTION 119. Section 502.107, Transportation Code, is  
 53-39 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
 53-40 redesignated as Section 502.1984, Transportation Code, to read as  
 53-41 follows:

53-42 Sec. 502.1984 [~~502.107~~]. INTEREST ON FEES. (a) A fee  
 53-43 required to be sent to the department under this chapter bears  
 53-44 interest for the benefit of the state highway fund at an annual rate  
 53-45 of 10 percent beginning on the 60th day after the date the county  
 53-46 assessor-collector collects the fee.

53-47 (b) The department shall audit the registration and  
 53-48 transfer fees collected and disbursed by each county  
 53-49 assessor-collector and shall determine the exact amount of interest  
 53-50 due on any fee not sent to the department.

53-51 (c) The state has a claim against a county  
 53-52 assessor-collector and the sureties on the assessor-collector's  
 53-53 official bond for the amount of interest due on a fee.

53-54 SECTION 120. Section 502.108, Transportation Code, is  
 53-55 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 53-56 redesignated as Section 502.1985, Transportation Code, and amended  
 53-57 to read as follows:

53-58 Sec. 502.1985 [~~502.108~~]. USE OF REGISTRATION FEES RETAINED  
 53-59 BY COUNTY. (a) Money credited to the county road and bridge fund  
 53-60 under Section 502.198 [~~502.102~~] or 502.1982 [~~502.103~~] may not be  
 53-61 used to pay the compensation of the county judge or a county  
 53-62 commissioner. The money may be used only for the construction and  
 53-63 maintenance of lateral roads in the county, under the supervision  
 53-64 of the county engineer.

53-65 (b) If there is not a county engineer, the commissioners  
 53-66 court of the county may require the services of the department's  
 53-67 district engineer or resident engineer to supervise the  
 53-68 construction and surveying of lateral roads in the county.

53-69 (c) A county may use money allocated to it under this

54-1 chapter to:

- 54-2 (1) pay obligations issued in the construction or
- 54-3 improvement of any roads, including state highways in the county;
- 54-4 (2) improve the roads in the county road system; or
- 54-5 (3) construct new roads.

54-6 (d) To the maximum extent possible, contracts for roads  
 54-7 constructed by a county using funds provided under this chapter  
 54-8 should be awarded by competitive bids.

54-9 SECTION 121. Section 502.110, Transportation Code, is  
 54-10 transferred to Subchapter E, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
 54-11 redesignated as Section 502.1986, Transportation Code, to read as  
 54-12 follows:

54-13 Sec. 502.1986 [~~502.110~~]. CONTINGENT PROVISION FOR  
 54-14 DISTRIBUTION OF FEES BETWEEN STATE AND COUNTIES. If the method of  
 54-15 distributing vehicle registration fees collected under this  
 54-16 chapter between the state and counties is declared invalid because  
 54-17 of inequality of collection or distribution of those fees, 60  
 54-18 percent of each fee shall be distributed to the county collecting  
 54-19 the fee and 40 percent shall be sent to the state in the manner  
 54-20 provided by this chapter.

54-21 SECTION 122. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 502,  
 54-22 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

54-23 SUBCHAPTER F. REGULAR REGISTRATION FEES [~~SPECIALIZED LICENSE~~  
 54-24 ~~PLATES, EXEMPTIONS FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES~~]

54-25 SECTION 123. Section 502.160, Transportation Code, as  
 54-26 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter F,  
 54-27 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and redesignated as Section  
 54-28 502.251, Transportation Code, to read as follows:

54-29 Sec. 502.251 [~~502.160~~]. FEE: MOTORCYCLE OR MOPED. The  
 54-30 fee for a registration year for registration of a motorcycle or  
 54-31 moped is \$30.

54-32 SECTION 124. Section 502.161, Transportation Code, as  
 54-33 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter F,  
 54-34 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 502.252,  
 54-35 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

54-36 Sec. 502.252 [~~502.161~~]. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH 6,000  
 54-37 POUNDS OR LESS. (a) The fee for a registration year for  
 54-38 registration of a vehicle with a gross weight of 6,000 pounds or  
 54-39 less is \$50.75, unless otherwise provided in this chapter.

54-40 (b) [~~(c)~~] For registration purposes, the weight of a  
 54-41 passenger car, a municipal bus, or a private bus is the weight  
 54-42 generally accepted as its correct shipping weight plus 100 pounds.

54-43 [~~(d) In this section, "private bus" has the meaning assigned~~  
 54-44 ~~by Section 502.294.~~]

54-45 SECTION 125. Section 502.162, Transportation Code, as  
 54-46 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter F,  
 54-47 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 502.253,  
 54-48 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

54-49 Sec. 502.253 [~~502.162~~]. FEE: VEHICLES THAT WEIGH MORE THAN  
 54-50 6,000 POUNDS. [~~(a)~~] The fee for a registration year for  
 54-51 registration of a vehicle with a gross weight of more than 6,000  
 54-52 pounds is as follows unless otherwise provided in this chapter:

54-53	Weight Classification	Fee Schedule
54-54	in pounds	
54-55	6,001-10,000	\$54.00
54-56	10,001-18,000	\$110.00
54-57	18,001-25,999	\$205.00
54-58	26,000-40,000	\$340.00
54-59	40,001-54,999	\$535.00
54-60	55,000-70,000	\$740.00



56-1 gross weight of more than 10,000 pounds that is used or is to be used  
 56-2 in combination with a semitrailer that has a gross weight of more  
 56-3 than 6,000 pounds.

56-4 (b) The fee for a registration year for registration of a  
 56-5 truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle is calculated by gross  
 56-6 weight according to Section 502.253 [~~502.162~~].

56-7 (c) The fee for a registration year for registration of a  
 56-8 semitrailer used in the manner described by Subsection (a),  
 56-9 regardless of the date the semitrailer is registered, is:

56-10 (1) \$30, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power  
 56-11 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has been issued; or

56-12 (2) \$15, for a semitrailer being propelled by a power  
 56-13 unit for which a permit under Section 623.011 has not been issued.

56-14 (d) A registration made under Subsection (c) is valid only  
 56-15 when the semitrailer is used in the manner described by Subsection  
 56-16 (a).

56-17 (e) For registration purposes, a semitrailer converted to a  
 56-18 trailer by means of an auxiliary axle assembly retains its status as  
 56-19 a semitrailer.

56-20 (f) A combination of vehicles may not be registered under  
 56-21 this section for a combined gross weight of less than 18,000 pounds.

56-22 (g) This section does not apply to:

56-23 (1) a combination of vehicles that includes a vehicle  
 56-24 that has a distinguishing license plate under Section 502.146  
 56-25 [~~504.504~~];

56-26 (2) a truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle  
 56-27 registered or to be registered with \$5 distinguishing license  
 56-28 plates for which the vehicle is eligible under this chapter;

56-29 (3) a truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle used  
 56-30 exclusively in combination with a semitrailer of the travel trailer  
 56-31 [~~house trailer~~] type; or

56-32 (4) a vehicle registered or to be registered:

56-33 (A) with a temporary registration permit;

56-34 (B) under Section 502.433 [~~502.163~~]; or

56-35 (C) under Section 502.435 [~~502.188~~].

56-36 (h) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
 56-37 section.

56-38 (i) The department may issue specially designed license  
 56-39 plates for token trailers.

56-40 (j) A person may register a semitrailer under this section  
 56-41 [~~for a registration period of five consecutive years~~] if the  
 56-42 person:

56-43 (1) applies to the department for [~~the five-year~~]  
 56-44 registration;

56-45 (2) provides proof of the person's eligibility to  
 56-46 register the vehicle under this subsection as required by the  
 56-47 department; and

56-48 (3) pays a fee of \$15, plus any applicable fee under  
 56-49 Section 502.401 [~~502.172~~], for each year included in the  
 56-50 registration period.

56-51 [~~(k) If during the five-year registration period for a  
 56-52 vehicle registered under Subsection (j) the amount of a fee imposed  
 56-53 under that subsection is increased, the owner of the vehicle is  
 56-54 liable to the department for the amount of the increase. If the  
 56-55 amount of a fee is decreased, the owner of the vehicle is not  
 56-56 entitled to a refund.~~]

56-57 [(1) In this section:

56-58 [(1) "~~Combined gross weight~~" means the empty weight of  
 56-59 the truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle combined with the  
 56-60 empty weight of the heaviest semitrailer used or to be used in  
 56-61 combination with the truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle plus  
 56-62 the heaviest net load to be carried on the combination during the  
 56-63 registration year.]

56-64 [(2) "~~Empty weight~~" means the unladen weight of the  
 56-65 truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle and semitrailer  
 56-66 combination fully equipped, as certified by a public weigher or  
 56-67 license and weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety.]

56-68 [(3) "~~Token trailer~~" means a semitrailer that:

56-69 [(A) has a gross weight of more than 6,000



57-1 ~~pounds, and~~  
57-2 ~~[(B) is operated in combination with a truck or a~~  
57-3 ~~truck-tractor that has been issued:~~

- 57-4 ~~[(i) an apportioned license plate,~~
- 57-5 ~~[(ii) a combination license plate, or~~
- 57-6 ~~[(iii) a forestry vehicle license plate.~~

57-7 ~~[(4) "Apportioned license plate" means a license plate~~  
57-8 ~~issued in lieu of truck license plates or combination license~~  
57-9 ~~plates to a motor carrier in this state who proportionally~~  
57-10 ~~registers a vehicle owned by the carrier in one or more other~~  
57-11 ~~states.~~

57-12 ~~[(5) "Combination license plate" means a license plate~~  
57-13 ~~issued for a truck or truck-tractor that:~~

57-14 ~~[(A) has a manufacturer's rated carrying~~  
57-15 ~~capacity of more than one ton; and~~

57-16 ~~[(B) is used or intended to be used in~~  
57-17 ~~combination with a semitrailer that has a gross weight of more than~~  
57-18 ~~6,000 pounds.]~~

57-19 SECTION 128. Section 502.165, Transportation Code, as  
57-20 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter F,  
57-21 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 502.256,  
57-22 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

57-23 Sec. 502.256 [~~502.165~~]. FEE: ROAD TRACTOR. The fee for a  
57-24 registration year for registration of a road tractor is the fee  
57-25 prescribed by weight as certified by a public weigher or a license  
57-26 and weight inspector of the Department of Public Safety under  
57-27 Section 502.252 [~~502.161~~] or 502.253 [~~502.162~~], as applicable.

57-28 SECTION 129. The heading to Subchapter G, Chapter 502,  
57-29 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

57-30 SUBCHAPTER G. ADDITIONAL FEES [~~TEMPORARY REGISTRATION~~]

57-31 SECTION 130. Section 502.1705, Transportation Code, as  
57-32 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter G,  
57-33 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 502.356,  
57-34 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

57-35 Sec. 502.356 [~~502.1705~~]. [~~ADDITIONAL FEE FOR~~] AUTOMATED  
57-36 REGISTRATION AND TITLING [~~TITLE~~] SYSTEM. (a) In addition to other  
57-37 registration fees for a license plate or set of license plates or  
57-38 other device used as the registration insignia, a fee of \$1 shall be  
57-39 collected.

57-40 (b) The department may use money collected under this  
57-41 section to provide for or enhance:

57-42 (1) automated on-premises and off-premises  
57-43 registration; and

57-44 (2) services related to the titling of vehicles.

57-45 SECTION 131. Section 502.1715, Transportation Code, as  
57-46 amended by Chapters 892 (S.B. 1670) and 1108 (H.B. 2337), Acts of  
57-47 the 79th Legislature, Regular Session, 2005, is transferred to  
57-48 Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, redesignated as  
57-49 Section 502.357, Transportation Code, and reenacted and amended to  
57-50 read as follows:

57-51 Sec. 502.357 [~~502.1715~~]. FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY  
57-52 [~~ADDITIONAL FEE FOR CERTAIN DEPARTMENT~~] PROGRAMS. (a) In  
57-53 addition to other fees imposed for registration of a motor vehicle,  
57-54 at the time of application for registration or renewal of  
57-55 registration of a motor vehicle for which the owner is required to  
57-56 submit evidence of financial responsibility under Section 502.046  
57-57 [~~502.153~~], the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1. In addition to other  
57-58 fees imposed for registration of a motor vehicle, at the time of  
57-59 application for registration of a motor vehicle that is subject to  
57-60 Section 501.0234, the applicant shall pay a fee of \$1. Fees  
57-61 collected under this section shall be remitted weekly to the  
57-62 department.

57-63 (b) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to  
57-64 the credit of the state highway fund. Subject to appropriations,  
57-65 the money shall be used by the Department of Public Safety to:

57-66 (1) support the Department of Public Safety's  
57-67 reengineering of the driver's license system to provide for the  
57-68 issuance by the Department of Public Safety of a driver's license or  
57-69 personal identification certificate, to include use of image

58-1 comparison technology;

58-2 (2) establish and maintain a system to support the  
58-3 driver responsibility program under Chapter 708; and

58-4 (3) make lease payments to the master lease purchase  
58-5 program for the financing of the driver's license reengineering  
58-6 project.

58-7 (c) Fees collected under this section shall be deposited to  
58-8 the credit of the state highway fund. Subject to appropriation, the  
58-9 money may be used by the Department of Public Safety, the Texas  
58-10 Department of Insurance, the Department of Information Resources,  
58-11 and the department to carry out Subchapter N, Chapter 601.

58-12 (d) The Department of Public Safety, the Texas Department of  
58-13 Insurance, the Department of Information Resources, and the  
58-14 department shall jointly adopt rules and develop forms necessary to  
58-15 administer this section.

58-16 SECTION 132. Section 502.1675, Transportation Code, is  
58-17 transferred to Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
58-18 redesignated as Section 502.358, Transportation Code, and amended  
58-19 to read as follows:

58-20 Sec. 502.358 [~~502.1675~~]. TEXAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN  
58-21 SURCHARGE. (a) In addition to the registration fees charged under  
58-22 Section 502.255 [~~502.167~~], a surcharge is imposed on the  
58-23 registration of a truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle under  
58-24 that section in an amount equal to 10 percent of the total fees due  
58-25 for the registration of the truck-tractor or commercial motor  
58-26 vehicle under that section.

58-27 (b) The county tax assessor-collector shall remit the  
58-28 surcharge collected under this section to the comptroller at the  
58-29 time and in the manner prescribed by the comptroller for deposit in  
58-30 the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

58-31 (c) This section expires August 31, 2019.

58-32 SECTION 133. Section 502.171, Transportation Code, is  
58-33 transferred to Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
58-34 redesignated as Section 502.359, Transportation Code, and amended  
58-35 to read as follows:

58-36 Sec. 502.359 [~~502.171~~]. ADDITIONAL FEE FOR CERTAIN  
58-37 VEHICLES USING DIESEL MOTOR. (a) The registration fee under this  
58-38 chapter for a motor vehicle other than a passenger car, a truck with  
58-39 a gross vehicle weight [manufacturer's rated carrying capacity] of  
58-40 18,000 pounds [two tons] or less, or a vehicle registered in  
58-41 combination under Section 502.255 [~~502.167~~] is increased by 11  
58-42 percent if the vehicle has a diesel motor.

58-43 (b) ~~The [A county assessor-collector shall show on the]~~  
58-44 registration receipt for a motor vehicle, other than a passenger  
58-45 car or a truck with a gross vehicle weight [manufacturer's rated  
58-46 carrying capacity] of 18,000 pounds [two tons] or less, must show  
58-47 that the vehicle has a diesel motor.

58-48 (c) The department may adopt rules to administer this  
58-49 section.

58-50 SECTION 134. The heading to Subchapter H, Chapter 502,  
58-51 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

58-52 SUBCHAPTER H. OPTIONAL FEES [~~OFFENSES AND PENALTIES~~]

58-53 SECTION 135. Section 502.172, Transportation Code, is  
58-54 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
58-55 redesignated as Section 502.401, Transportation Code, and amended  
58-56 to read as follows:

58-57 Sec. 502.401 [~~502.172~~]. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR ROAD AND  
58-58 BRIDGE FUND. (a) The commissioners court of a county by order may  
58-59 impose an additional fee, not to exceed \$10, for registering a  
58-60 vehicle in the county.

58-61 (b) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter  
58-62 without payment of a registration fee may be registered in a county  
58-63 imposing a fee under this section without payment of the additional  
58-64 fee.

58-65 (c) A fee imposed under this section may take effect only on  
58-66 January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order and notify the  
58-67 department not later than September 1 of the year preceding the year  
58-68 in which the fee takes effect.

58-69 (d) A fee imposed under this section may be removed. The

59-1 removal may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may  
59-2 remove the fee only by:

- 59-3 (1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and
- 59-4 (2) notifying the department not later than September

59-5 1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.  
59-6 (e) The county assessor-collector of a county imposing a fee  
59-7 under this section shall collect the additional fee for a vehicle  
59-8 when other fees imposed under this chapter are collected.

59-9 (f) The department shall collect the additional fee on a  
59-10 vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee under  
59-11 this section ~~and~~ that ~~[, under this chapter,]~~ must be registered  
59-12 directly with the department. The department shall send all fees  
59-13 collected for a county under this subsection to the county  
59-14 treasurer to be credited to the county road and bridge fund.

59-15 (g) The department shall adopt rules ~~[and develop forms]~~  
59-16 necessary to administer registration ~~[by mail]~~ for a vehicle being  
59-17 registered in a county imposing a fee under this section.

59-18 SECTION 136. Section 502.1725, Transportation Code, is  
59-19 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
59-20 redesignated as Section 502.402, Transportation Code, and amended  
59-21 to read as follows:

59-22 Sec. 502.402 ~~[502.1725]~~. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR  
59-23 TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS. (a) This section applies only to a  
59-24 county:

- 59-25 (1) that borders the United Mexican States;
- 59-26 (2) that has a population of more than 300,000; and
- 59-27 (3) in which the largest municipality has a population

59-28 of less than 300,000.  
59-29 (b) The commissioners court of a county by order may impose  
59-30 an additional fee, not to exceed \$10, for ~~[registering]~~ a vehicle  
59-31 registered in the county.

59-32 (c) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter  
59-33 without payment of a registration fee may be registered ~~[in a county~~  
59-34 ~~imposing a fee]~~ under this section without payment of the  
59-35 additional fee.

59-36 (d) A fee imposed under this section may take effect ~~[only~~  
59-37 ~~on January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order]~~ and  
59-38 ~~[notify the department not later than September 1 of the year~~  
59-39 ~~preceding the year in which the fee takes effect.~~

59-40 ~~[(e) A fee imposed under this section may] be removed in~~  
59-41 accordance with the requirements of Section 502.401 ~~[. The removal~~  
59-42 ~~may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may remove the~~  
59-43 ~~fee only by:~~

- 59-44 ~~[(1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and~~
- 59-45 ~~[(2) notifying the department not later than September~~

59-46 ~~1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect].~~  
59-47 (e) ~~[(f)]~~ The ~~[county assessor-collector of a county~~  
59-48 ~~imposing a fee under this section shall collect the]~~ additional fee  
59-49 shall be collected for a vehicle when other fees imposed under this  
59-50 chapter are collected. The ~~[county shall send the]~~ fee revenue

59-51 collected shall be sent to the regional mobility authority of the  
59-52 county to fund long-term transportation projects in the county.

59-53 (f) ~~[(g) The department shall collect the additional fee on~~  
59-54 ~~a vehicle that is owned by a resident of a county imposing a fee~~  
59-55 ~~under this section and that, under this chapter, must be registered~~  
59-56 ~~directly with the department. The department shall send all fees~~  
59-57 ~~collected for a county under this subsection to the regional~~  
59-58 ~~mobility authority of the county to fund long-term transportation~~  
59-59 ~~projects in the county.~~

59-60 (h) The department shall adopt rules ~~[and develop forms]~~  
59-61 necessary to administer registration ~~[by mail]~~ for a vehicle being  
59-62 registered in a county imposing a fee under this section.

59-63 SECTION 137. Section 502.173, Transportation Code, is  
59-64 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
59-65 redesignated as Section 502.403, Transportation Code, and amended  
59-66 to read as follows:

59-67 Sec. 502.403 ~~[502.173]~~. OPTIONAL COUNTY FEE FOR CHILD  
59-68 SAFETY. (a) The commissioners court of a county that has a  
59-69 population greater than 1.3 million and in which a municipality

60-1 with a population of more than one million is primarily located may  
 60-2 impose by order an additional fee of not less than 50 cents or more  
 60-3 than \$1.50 for ~~registering~~ a vehicle registered in the county.  
 60-4 The commissioners court of any other county may impose by order an  
 60-5 additional fee of not more than \$1.50 for registering a vehicle in  
 60-6 the county.

60-7 (b) A vehicle that may be registered under this chapter  
 60-8 without payment of a registration fee may be registered ~~[in a county~~  
 60-9 ~~imposing a fee under this section]~~ without payment of the  
 60-10 additional fee.

60-11 (c) A fee imposed under this section may take effect ~~[only~~  
 60-12 ~~on January 1 of a year. The county must adopt the order]~~ and ~~[notify~~  
 60-13 ~~the department not later than September 10 of the year preceding the~~  
 60-14 ~~year in which the fee takes effect.~~

60-15 ~~[(d) A fee imposed under this section may]~~ be removed in  
 60-16 accordance with the provisions of Section 502.401. ~~[The removal~~  
 60-17 ~~may take effect only on January 1 of a year. A county may remove the~~  
 60-18 ~~fee only by:~~

60-19 ~~[(1) rescinding the order imposing the fee; and~~

60-20 ~~[(2) notifying the department not later than September~~  
 60-21 ~~1 of the year preceding the year in which the removal takes effect.]~~

60-22 (d) ~~[(e)]~~ The ~~[county assessor-collector of a county~~  
 60-23 ~~imposing a fee under this section shall collect the]~~ additional fee  
 60-24 shall be collected for a vehicle when other fees imposed under this  
 60-25 chapter are collected.

60-26 (e) ~~[(f)]~~ A county imposing a fee under this section may  
 60-27 deduct for administrative costs an amount of not more than 10  
 60-28 percent of the revenue it receives from the fee. The county may  
 60-29 also deduct from the fee revenue an amount proportional to the  
 60-30 percentage of county residents who live in unincorporated areas of  
 60-31 the county. After making the deductions provided for by this  
 60-32 subsection, the county shall send the remainder of the fee revenue  
 60-33 to the municipalities in the county according to their population.

60-34 (f) ~~[(g)]~~ A municipality with a population greater than  
 60-35 850,000 shall deposit revenue from a fee imposed under this  
 60-36 subsection to the credit of the child safety trust fund created  
 60-37 under Section 106.001, Local Government Code. A municipality with a  
 60-38 population less than 850,000 shall use revenue from a fee imposed  
 60-39 under this section in accordance with Article 102.014(g), Code of  
 60-40 Criminal Procedure.

60-41 (g) ~~[(h)]~~ After deducting administrative costs, a county  
 60-42 may use revenue from a fee imposed under this section only for a  
 60-43 purpose permitted by Article 102.014(g) ~~[Subsection (g), Article~~  
 60-44 ~~102.014]~~, Code of Criminal Procedure.

60-45 SECTION 138. Section 502.174, Transportation Code, is  
 60-46 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 60-47 redesignated as Section 502.404, Transportation Code, and amended  
 60-48 to read as follows:

60-49 Sec. 502.404 ~~[502.174]~~. VOLUNTARY ASSESSMENT FOR YOUNG  
 60-50 FARMER LOAN GUARANTEES. (a) When a person registers a commercial  
 60-51 motor vehicle under Section 502.433 ~~[502.163]~~, the person shall pay  
 60-52 a voluntary assessment of \$5.

60-53 (b) The county assessor-collector shall send an assessment  
 60-54 collected under this section to the comptroller, at the time and in  
 60-55 the manner prescribed by the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority,  
 60-56 for deposit in the Texas agricultural fund.

60-57 (c) The Texas Agricultural Finance Authority shall  
 60-58 prescribe procedures under which an assessment collected under this  
 60-59 section may be refunded. The county assessor-collector of the  
 60-60 county in which an assessment is collected shall:

60-61 (1) implement the refund procedures; and

60-62 (2) provide notice of those procedures to a person  
 60-63 paying an assessment at the time of payment.

60-64 SECTION 139. Section 502.1745, Transportation Code, is  
 60-65 transferred to Subchapter H, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 60-66 redesignated as Section 502.405, Transportation Code, and amended  
 60-67 to read as follows:

60-68 Sec. 502.405 ~~[502.1745]~~. DONOR EDUCATION, AWARENESS, AND  
 60-69 REGISTRY PROGRAM ~~[VOLUNTARY FEE]~~. (a) The department shall

61-1 provide to each county assessor-collector the educational  
 61-2 materials for prospective donors provided as required by the Donor  
 61-3 Education, Awareness, and Registry Program of Texas under Chapter  
 61-4 49, Health and Safety Code. The [A county assessor-collector shall  
 61-5 ~~make the]~~ educational materials shall be made available in each  
 61-6 office authorized to accept applications for registration of motor  
 61-7 vehicles.

61-8 (b) A person may elect to pay [county assessor-collector  
 61-9 ~~shall collect]~~ an additional fee of \$1 for the registration or  
 61-10 renewal of registration of a motor vehicle to pay the costs of the  
 61-11 Donor Education, Awareness, and Registry Program of Texas,  
 61-12 established under Chapter 49, Health and Safety Code, and of the  
 61-13 Texas Organ, Tissue, and Eye Donor Council, established under  
 61-14 Chapter 113, Health and Safety Code [~~, if the person registering or~~  
 61-15 ~~renewing the registration of a motor vehicle opts to pay the~~  
 61-16 ~~additional fee].~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
 61-17 chapter, ~~[the county assessor-collector shall remit]~~ all fees  
 61-18 collected under this subsection shall be remitted to the  
 61-19 comptroller, who shall maintain the identity of the source of the  
 61-20 fees.

61-21 (c) Three percent of all money collected under this section  
 61-22 may be appropriated only to the department to administer this  
 61-23 section.

61-24 SECTION 140. The heading to Subchapter I, Chapter 502,  
 61-25 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

61-26 SUBCHAPTER I. ALTERNATE REGISTRATION FEES [~~TRANSFER AND REMOVAL OF~~  
 61-27 ~~LICENSE PLATES FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES]~~

61-28 SECTION 141. Section 502.164, Transportation Code, is  
 61-29 transferred to Subchapter I, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, and  
 61-30 redesignated as Section 502.431, Transportation Code, to read as  
 61-31 follows:

61-32 Sec. 502.431 [~~502.164~~]. FEE: MOTOR VEHICLE USED  
 61-33 EXCLUSIVELY TO TRANSPORT AND SPREAD FERTILIZER. The fee for a  
 61-34 registration year for registration of a motor vehicle designed or  
 61-35 modified and used exclusively to transport to the field and spread  
 61-36 fertilizer, including agricultural limestone, is \$75.

61-37 SECTION 142. Section 502.1586, Transportation Code, is  
 61-38 transferred to Subchapter I, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 61-39 redesignated as Section 502.432, Transportation Code, and amended  
 61-40 to read as follows:

61-41 Sec. 502.432 [~~502.1586~~]. [~~REGISTRATION PERIOD FOR~~  
 61-42 ~~TRUCK-TRACTOR OR COMMERCIAL MOTOR]~~ VEHICLE TRANSPORTING SEASONAL  
 61-43 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. (a) The department shall provide for a  
 61-44 monthly registration period for a truck-tractor or a commercial  
 61-45 motor vehicle [~~that~~]:

61-46 (1) that is used exclusively to transport a seasonal  
 61-47 agricultural product; [~~and~~]

61-48 (2) that would otherwise be registered for a vehicle  
 61-49 registration year; and

61-50 (3) for which the owner can show proof of payment of  
 61-51 the heavy vehicle use tax or exemption.

61-52 (b) The department shall [~~adopt forms for registration~~  
 61-53 ~~under this section. An applicant must indicate the number of months~~  
 61-54 ~~registration is applied for.~~

61-55 [~~(c) The department shall design,~~] prescribe [~~, and~~  
 61-56 ~~furnish]~~ a registration receipt that is valid until the expiration  
 61-57 of the designated registration period.

61-58 (c) [~~(d)~~] The registration fee for a registration under  
 61-59 this section is computed at a rate of one-twelfth the annual  
 61-60 registration fee under Section 502.253 [~~502.162~~], 502.255  
 61-61 [~~502.163~~], or 502.433 [~~502.167~~], as applicable, multiplied by the  
 61-62 number of months in the registration period specified in the  
 61-63 application for the registration, which may not be less than one  
 61-64 month or longer than six months.

61-65 (d) [~~(e) A person issued a registration under this section~~  
 61-66 ~~commits an offense if the person, during the registration period~~  
 61-67 ~~for the truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle, uses the~~  
 61-68 ~~truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle for a purpose other than~~  
 61-69 ~~to transport a seasonal agricultural product.~~

62-1 ~~[(f) A truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle may not be~~  
62-2 ~~registered under this section for a registration period that is~~  
62-3 ~~less than one month or longer than six months.~~

62-4 ~~[(g)]~~ For purposes of this section, "to transport a seasonal  
62-5 agricultural product" includes any transportation activity  
62-6 necessary for the production, harvest, or delivery of an  
62-7 agricultural product that is produced seasonally.

62-8 SECTION 143. Section 502.163, Transportation Code, is  
62-9 transferred to Subchapter I, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
62-10 redesignated as Section 502.433, Transportation Code, and amended  
62-11 to read as follows:

62-12 Sec. 502.433 [~~502.163~~]. FEE: COMMERCIAL FARM MOTOR VEHICLE  
62-13 [~~USED PRIMARILY FOR FARM PURPOSES; OFFENSE~~]. (a) The registration  
62-14 fee for a commercial motor vehicle as a farm vehicle is 50 percent  
62-15 of the applicable fee under Section 502.253 [~~502.162~~] if the  
62-16 vehicle's owner will use the vehicle for commercial purposes only  
62-17 to transport:

62-18 (1) the person's own poultry, dairy, livestock,  
62-19 livestock products, timber in its natural state, or farm products  
62-20 to market or another place for sale or processing;

62-21 (2) laborers from their place of residence to the  
62-22 owner's farm or ranch; or

62-23 (3) without charge, materials, tools, equipment, or  
62-24 supplies from the place of purchase or storage to the owner's farm  
62-25 or ranch exclusively for the owner's use or for use on the farm or  
62-26 ranch.

62-27 (b) A commercial motor vehicle may be registered under this  
62-28 section despite its use for transporting without charge the owner  
62-29 or a member of the owner's family:

62-30 (1) to attend church or school;

62-31 (2) to visit a doctor for medical treatment or  
62-32 supplies; or

62-33 (3) for other necessities of the home or family.

62-34 (c) Subsection (b) does not permit the use of a vehicle  
62-35 registered under this section in connection with gainful employment  
62-36 other than farming or ranching.

62-37 (d) The department shall provide distinguishing license  
62-38 plates for a vehicle registered under this section.

62-39 ~~[(e) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle registered~~  
62-40 ~~under this section commits an offense if the person uses or permits~~  
62-41 ~~to be used the vehicle for a purpose other than one permitted by~~  
62-42 ~~this section. Each use or permission for use in violation of this~~  
62-43 ~~section is a separate offense.~~

62-44 ~~[(f) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor~~  
62-45 ~~punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.]~~

62-46 SECTION 144. Section 502.351, Transportation Code, is  
62-47 transferred to Subchapter I, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
62-48 redesignated as Section 502.434, Transportation Code, and amended  
62-49 to read as follows:

62-50 Sec. 502.434 [~~502.351~~]. FARM VEHICLES: EXCESS WEIGHT. (a)  
62-51 The owner of a registered commercial motor vehicle, truck-tractor,  
62-52 trailer, or semitrailer may obtain a short-term permit to haul  
62-53 loads of a weight more than that for which the vehicle is registered  
62-54 by paying an additional fee before the additional weight is hauled  
62-55 to transport:

62-56 (1) the person's own seasonal agricultural products to  
62-57 market or another point for sale or processing;

62-58 (2) seasonal laborers from their place of residence to  
62-59 a farm or ranch; or

62-60 (3) materials, tools, equipment, or supplies, without  
62-61 charge, from the place of purchase or storage to a farm or ranch  
62-62 exclusively for use on the farm or ranch.

62-63 (b) A permit may not be issued under this section for a  
62-64 period that is less than one month or that:

62-65 (1) is greater than one year; or

62-66 (2) extends beyond the expiration of the registration  
62-67 year for the vehicle.

62-68 (c) A permit issued under this section for a quarter must be  
62-69 for a calendar quarter.

63-1 (d) The fee for a permit under this section is a percentage  
 63-2 of the difference between the registration fee otherwise prescribed  
 63-3 ~~[by this chapter]~~ for the vehicle and the annual fee for the desired  
 63-4 weight, as follows:

63-5	One month (30 consecutive days)	10 percent
63-6	One quarter	30 percent
63-7	Two quarters	60 percent
63-8	Three quarters	90 percent

63-9 (e) The department shall design, prescribe, and furnish a  
 63-10 sticker, plate, or other means of indicating the additional weight  
 63-11 and the registration period for each vehicle registered under this  
 63-12 section.

63-13 SECTION 145. Section 502.188, Transportation Code, is  
 63-14 transferred to Subchapter I, Chapter 502, Transportation Code,  
 63-15 redesignated as Section 502.435, Transportation Code, and amended  
 63-16 to read as follows:

63-17 Sec. 502.435 ~~[502.188]~~. CERTAIN SOIL CONSERVATION  
 63-18 EQUIPMENT. (a) The owner of a truck-tractor, semitrailer, or  
 63-19 low-boy trailer used on a highway exclusively to transport the  
 63-20 owner's soil conservation machinery or equipment used in clearing  
 63-21 real property, terracing, or building farm ponds, levees, or  
 63-22 ditches may register the vehicle for a fee equal to 50 percent of  
 63-23 the fee otherwise prescribed by this chapter for the vehicle.

63-24 (b) An owner may register only one truck-tractor and only  
 63-25 one semitrailer or low-boy trailer under this section.

63-26 (c) An owner ~~[applying for registration under this section]~~  
 63-27 must certify ~~[submit a statement]~~ that the vehicle is to be used  
 63-28 only as provided by Subsection (a).

63-29 (d) The registration receipt issued for a vehicle  
 63-30 registered under this section must be carried in or on the vehicle  
 63-31 and [shall] state the nature of the operation for which the vehicle  
 63-32 may be used. ~~[The receipt must be carried at all times in or on the~~  
 63-33 ~~vehicle to permit ready inspection.]~~

63-34 (e) A vehicle to which this section applies that is operated  
 63-35 on a public highway in violation of this section is considered to be  
 63-36 operated while unregistered and is immediately subject to the  
 63-37 applicable registration fees and penalties prescribed by this  
 63-38 chapter.

63-39 SECTION 146. Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended  
 63-40 by adding Subchapter J to read as follows:

63-41 SUBCHAPTER J. REGISTRATIONS EXEMPT FROM FEES

63-42 SECTION 147. Section 502.201, Transportation Code, as  
 63-43 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter J,  
 63-44 Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as added by this Act,  
 63-45 redesignated as Section 502.451, Transportation Code, and amended  
 63-46 to read as follows:

63-47 Sec. 502.451 ~~[502.201]~~. ~~[LICENSE PLATES FOR]~~ EXEMPT  
 63-48 VEHICLES. (a) Before license plates are issued or delivered to  
 63-49 the owner of a vehicle that is exempt by law from payment of  
 63-50 registration fees, the department must approve the application for  
 63-51 registration. The department may not approve an application if  
 63-52 there is the appearance that:

63-53 (1) the vehicle was transferred to the owner or  
 63-54 purported owner:

63-55 (A) for the sole purpose of evading the payment  
 63-56 of registration fees; or

63-57 (B) in bad faith; or

63-58 (2) the vehicle is not being used in accordance with  
 63-59 the exemption requirements.

63-60 (b) The department shall revoke the registration of a  
 63-61 vehicle issued license plates under this section and may recall the  
 63-62 plates if the vehicle is no longer:

63-63 (1) owned and operated by the person whose ownership  
 63-64 of the vehicle qualified the vehicle for the exemption; or

63-65 (2) used in accordance with the exemption  
 63-66 requirements.

63-67 (c) ~~[(d)]~~ The department shall provide by rule for the  
 63-68 issuance of specially designated license plates for vehicles that  
 63-69 are exempt by law. Except as provided by Subsection (f) ~~[(g)]~~, the

64-1 license plates must bear the word "exempt."

64-2 (d) [~~(e)~~] A license plate under Subsection (c) [~~(d)~~] is not  
64-3 issued annually, but remains on the vehicle until:

64-4 (1) the registration is revoked as provided by  
64-5 Subsection (b); or

64-6 (2) the plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated.

64-7 (e) [~~(f)~~] A person who operates on a public highway a  
64-8 vehicle after the registration has been revoked is liable for the  
64-9 penalties for failing to register a vehicle.

64-10 (f) [~~(g)~~] The department shall provide by rule for the  
64-11 issuance of regularly designed license plates not bearing the word  
64-12 "exempt" for a vehicle that is exempt by law and that is:

64-13 (1) a law enforcement vehicle, if the agency certifies  
64-14 to the department that the vehicle will be dedicated to law  
64-15 enforcement activities;

64-16 (2) a vehicle exempt from inscription requirements  
64-17 under a rule adopted as provided by Section 721.003; or

64-18 (3) a vehicle exempt from inscription requirements  
64-19 under an order or ordinance adopted by a governing body of a  
64-20 municipality or commissioners court of a county as provided by  
64-21 Section 721.005, if the applicant presents a copy of the order or  
64-22 ordinance.

64-23 SECTION 148. Section 502.2015, Transportation Code, is  
64-24 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
64-25 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.452, Transportation  
64-26 Code, and amended to read as follows:

64-27 Sec. 502.452 [~~502.2015~~]. LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF EXEMPT  
64-28 LICENSE PLATES; SEIZURE OF CERTAIN VEHICLES. (a) The department  
64-29 may not issue exempt license plates for a vehicle owned by the  
64-30 United States, this state, or a political subdivision of this state  
64-31 unless when application is made for registration of the vehicle,  
64-32 the person who under Section 502.453 [~~502.202~~] has authority to  
64-33 certify to the department that the vehicle qualifies for  
64-34 registration under that section also certifies in writing to the  
64-35 department that there is printed on each side of the vehicle, in  
64-36 letters that are at least two inches high or in an emblem that is at  
64-37 least 100 square inches in size, the name of the agency, department,  
64-38 bureau, board, commission, or officer of the United States, this  
64-39 state, or the political subdivision of this state that has custody  
64-40 of the vehicle. The letters or emblem must be of a color  
64-41 sufficiently different from the body of the vehicle to be clearly  
64-42 legible from a distance of 100 feet.

64-43 (b) The department may not issue exempt license plates for a  
64-44 vehicle owned by a person other than the United States, this state,  
64-45 or a political subdivision of this state unless, when application  
64-46 is made for registration of the vehicle, the person who under  
64-47 Section 502.453 [~~502.202~~] has authority to certify to the  
64-48 department that the vehicle qualifies for registration under that  
64-49 section also certifies in writing to the department that the name of  
64-50 the owner of the vehicle is printed on the vehicle in the manner  
64-51 prescribed by Subsection (a).

64-52 (c) A peace officer listed in Article 2.12, Code of Criminal  
64-53 Procedure, may seize a motor vehicle displaying exempt license  
64-54 plates if the vehicle is:

64-55 (1) operated on a public highway; and

64-56 (2) not identified in the manner prescribed by  
64-57 Subsection (a) or (b), unless the vehicle is covered by Subsection  
64-58 (f).

64-59 (d) A peace officer who seizes a motor vehicle under  
64-60 Subsection (c) may require that the vehicle be:

64-61 (1) moved to the nearest place of safety off the  
64-62 main-traveled part of the highway; or

64-63 (2) removed and placed in the nearest vehicle storage  
64-64 facility designated or maintained by the law enforcement agency  
64-65 that employs the peace officer.

64-66 (e) To obtain the release of the vehicle, in addition to any  
64-67 other requirement of law, the owner of a vehicle seized under  
64-68 Subsection (c) must:

64-69 (1) remedy the defect by identifying the vehicle as



65-1 required by Subsection (a) or (b); or

65-2 (2) agree in writing with the law enforcement agency  
65-3 to provide evidence to that agency, before the 10th day after the  
65-4 date the vehicle is released, that the defect has been remedied by  
65-5 identifying the vehicle as required by Subsection (a) or (b).

65-6 (f) Subsections (a) and (b) do not apply to a vehicle to  
65-7 which Section 502.451(f) [~~502.201(g) or 502.206~~] applies.

65-8 (g) For purposes of this section, an exempt license plate is  
65-9 a license plate issued by the department that is plainly marked with  
65-10 the word "exempt."

65-11 SECTION 149. Section 502.202, Transportation Code, is  
65-12 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
65-13 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.453, Transportation  
65-14 Code, and amended to read as follows:

65-15 Sec. 502.453 [~~502.202~~]. GOVERNMENT-OWNED VEHICLES; PUBLIC  
65-16 SCHOOL BUSES; FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES; COUNTY MARINE LAW  
65-17 ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES. (a) The owner of a motor vehicle, trailer,  
65-18 or semitrailer may annually apply for registration under Section  
65-19 502.451 [~~502.201~~] and is exempt from the payment of a registration  
65-20 fee under this chapter if the vehicle is:

65-21 (1) owned by and used exclusively in the service of:

65-22 (A) the United States;

65-23 (B) this state; or

65-24 (C) a county, municipality, or school district in  
65-25 this state;

65-26 (2) owned by a commercial transportation company and  
65-27 used exclusively to provide public school transportation services  
65-28 to a school district under Section 34.008, Education Code;

65-29 (3) designed and used exclusively for fire fighting;

65-30 (4) owned by a volunteer fire department and used  
65-31 exclusively in the conduct of department business; [~~or~~]

65-32 (5) privately owned and used by a volunteer  
65-33 exclusively in county marine law enforcement activities, including  
65-34 rescue operations, under the direction of the sheriff's department;  
65-35 or

65-36 (6) used by law enforcement under an alias for covert  
65-37 criminal investigations.

65-38 (b) An application for registration under this section must  
65-39 be made by a person having the authority to certify that the vehicle  
65-40 meets the exemption requirements prescribed by Subsection (a). An  
65-41 application for registration under this section of a fire-fighting  
65-42 vehicle described by Subsection (a)(3) must include a reasonable  
65-43 description of the vehicle and of any fire-fighting equipment  
65-44 mounted on the vehicle. An application for registration under this  
65-45 section of a vehicle described by Subsection (a)(5) must include a  
65-46 statement signed by a person having the authority to act for a  
65-47 sheriff's department that the vehicle is used exclusively in marine  
65-48 law enforcement activities under the direction of the sheriff's  
65-49 department.

65-50 SECTION 150. Section 502.203, Transportation Code, is  
65-51 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
65-52 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.454, Transportation  
65-53 Code, and amended to read as follows:

65-54 Sec. 502.454 [~~502.203~~]. VEHICLES USED BY NONPROFIT DISASTER  
65-55 RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. (a) The owner of a commercial motor vehicle,  
65-56 trailer, or semitrailer may apply for registration under Section  
65-57 502.451 [~~502.201~~] and is exempt from the payment of the  
65-58 registration fee that would otherwise be required by this chapter  
65-59 if the vehicle is owned and used exclusively for emergencies by a  
65-60 nonprofit disaster relief organization.

65-61 (b) An application for registration under this section must  
65-62 include:

65-63 (1) a statement by the owner of the vehicle that the  
65-64 vehicle is used exclusively for emergencies and has not been used  
65-65 for any other purpose;

65-66 (2) a statement signed by an officer of the nonprofit  
65-67 disaster relief organization that the vehicle has not been used for  
65-68 any purpose other than emergencies and qualifies for registration  
65-69 under this section; and

66-1 (3) a reasonable description of the vehicle and the  
66-2 emergency equipment included in the vehicle.

66-3 (c) An applicant for registration under this section must  
66-4 pay a fee of \$5.

66-5 (d) A commercial motor vehicle registered under this  
66-6 section must display the name of the organization that owns it on  
66-7 each front door.

66-8 (e) A vehicle registered under this section must display at  
66-9 all times an appropriate license plate showing the vehicle's  
66-10 status.

66-11 (f) A vehicle registered under this section that is used for  
66-12 any purpose other than an emergency may not again be registered  
66-13 under this section.

66-14 SECTION 151. Section 502.2035, Transportation Code, is  
66-15 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
66-16 added by this Act, and redesignated as Section 502.455,  
66-17 Transportation Code, to read as follows:

66-18 Sec. 502.455 [~~502.2035~~]. TRAILERS AND SEMITRAILERS OWNED BY  
66-19 RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. (a) A trailer or semitrailer may be  
66-20 registered without payment if the trailer or semitrailer is:

66-21 (1) owned by an organization that qualifies as a  
66-22 religious organization under Section 11.20, Tax Code; and

66-23 (2) used primarily for the purpose of transporting  
66-24 property in connection with the charitable activities and functions  
66-25 of the organization.

66-26 (b) An application for registration under this section must  
66-27 include a statement signed by an officer of the religious  
66-28 organization stating that the trailer or semitrailer qualifies for  
66-29 registration under this section.

66-30 SECTION 152. Section 502.204, Transportation Code, is  
66-31 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
66-32 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.456, Transportation  
66-33 Code, and amended to read as follows:

66-34 Sec. 502.456 [~~502.204~~]. EMERGENCY SERVICES VEHICLES. (a) A  
66-35 vehicle may be registered without payment if:

66-36 (1) the vehicle is owned or leased by an emergency  
66-37 medical services provider that:

66-38 (A) is a nonprofit entity; or

66-39 (B) is created and operated by:

66-40 (i) a county;

66-41 (ii) a municipality; or

66-42 (iii) any combination of counties and  
66-43 municipalities through a contract, joint agreement, or other method  
66-44 provided by Chapter 791, Government Code, or other law authorizing  
66-45 counties and municipalities to provide joint programs; and

66-46 (2) the vehicle:

66-47 (A) is authorized under an emergency medical  
66-48 services provider license issued by the Department of State [~~Texas~~  
66-49 ~~Board of~~] Health Services under Chapter 773, Health and Safety  
66-50 Code, and is used exclusively as an emergency medical services  
66-51 vehicle; or

66-52 (B) is an emergency medical services chief or  
66-53 supervisor vehicle and is used exclusively as an emergency services  
66-54 vehicle.

66-55 (b) A vehicle may be registered without payment of a  
66-56 registration fee if the vehicle:

66-57 (1) is owned by the Civil Air Patrol, Texas Wing; and

66-58 (2) is used exclusively as an emergency services  
66-59 vehicle by members of the Civil Air Patrol, Texas Wing.

66-60 (c) An application for registration under Subsection (a)  
66-61 must be accompanied by a copy of the license issued by the  
66-62 Department of State [~~Texas Board of~~] Health Services. An  
66-63 application for registration of an emergency medical services  
66-64 vehicle must include a statement signed by an officer of the  
66-65 emergency medical services provider that the vehicle is used  
66-66 exclusively as an emergency response vehicle and qualifies for  
66-67 registration under this section. An application for registration  
66-68 of an emergency medical services chief or supervisor vehicle must  
66-69 include a statement signed by an officer of the emergency medical

67-1 services provider stating that the vehicle qualifies for  
 67-2 registration under this section.

67-3 (d) An application for registration under Subsection (b)  
 67-4 must include a statement signed by an officer of the Civil Air  
 67-5 Patrol, Texas Wing, that the vehicle is used exclusively as an  
 67-6 emergency services vehicle by members of the Civil Air Patrol,  
 67-7 Texas Wing.

67-8 (e) The department must approve an application for  
 67-9 registration under this section as provided by Section 502.451  
 67-10 [~~502.201~~].

67-11 SECTION 153. Section 520.0225, Transportation Code, is  
 67-12 transferred to Subchapter J, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 67-13 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.457, Transportation  
 67-14 Code, and amended to read as follows:

67-15 Sec. 502.457 [~~520.0225~~]. PERSONS ON ACTIVE DUTY IN ARMED  
 67-16 FORCES OF UNITED STATES. (a) This section applies only to a used  
 67-17 motor vehicle that is owned by a person who:

67-18 (1) is on active duty in the armed forces of the United  
 67-19 States;

67-20 (2) is stationed in or has been assigned to another  
 67-21 nation under military orders; and

67-22 (3) has registered the vehicle or been issued a  
 67-23 license for the vehicle under the applicable status of forces  
 67-24 agreement by:

67-25 (A) the appropriate branch of the armed forces of  
 67-26 the United States; or

67-27 (B) the nation in which the person is stationed  
 67-28 or to which the person has been assigned.

67-29 (b) The requirement [~~in Section 520.021~~] that a used vehicle  
 67-30 be registered under the law of this state does not apply to a  
 67-31 vehicle described by Subsection (a). In lieu of delivering the  
 67-32 license receipt to the transferee of the vehicle, as required by  
 67-33 Section 501.0721 [~~520.022~~], the person selling, trading, or  
 67-34 otherwise transferring a used motor vehicle described by Subsection  
 67-35 (a) shall deliver to the transferee:

67-36 (1) a letter written on official letterhead by the  
 67-37 owner's unit commander attesting to the registration of the vehicle  
 67-38 under Subsection (a)(3); or

67-39 (2) the registration receipt issued by the appropriate  
 67-40 branch of the armed forces or host nation.

67-41 (c) A registration receipt issued by a host nation that is  
 67-42 not written in the English language must be accompanied by:

67-43 (1) a written translation of the registration receipt  
 67-44 in English; and

67-45 (2) an affidavit, in English and signed by the person  
 67-46 translating the registration receipt, attesting to the person's  
 67-47 ability to translate the registration receipt into English.

67-48 SECTION 154. Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended  
 67-49 by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

67-50 SUBCHAPTER K. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

67-51 SECTION 155. Section 502.401, Transportation Code, is  
 67-52 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 67-53 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.471, Transportation  
 67-54 Code, and amended to read as follows:

67-55 Sec. 502.471 [~~502.401~~]. GENERAL PENALTY. (a) A person  
 67-56 commits an offense if the person violates a provision of this  
 67-57 chapter and no other penalty is prescribed for the violation.

67-58 (b) This section does not apply to a violation of Section  
 67-59 502.003, 502.042, 502.197 [~~502.101, 502.109, 502.112, 502.113,~~  
 67-60 ~~502.114, 502.152, 502.164~~], or 502.431 [~~502.282~~].

67-61 (c) Unless otherwise specified, an [An] offense under this  
 67-62 section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.

67-63 SECTION 156. Section 502.402, Transportation Code, is  
 67-64 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 67-65 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.472, Transportation  
 67-66 Code, and amended to read as follows:

67-67 Sec. 502.472 [~~502.402~~]. OPERATION OF VEHICLE UNDER IMPROPER  
 67-68 REGISTRATION [UNREGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLE]. [~~(a)~~] A person commits  
 67-69 an offense if the person operates a motor vehicle that has not been

68-1 registered or registered for a class other than that to which the  
 68-2 vehicle belongs as required by law. ~~[An offense under this~~  
 68-3 ~~subsection is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed~~  
 68-4 ~~\$200.]~~

68-5 SECTION 157. Section 502.404, Transportation Code, is  
 68-6 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 68-7 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.473, Transportation  
 68-8 Code, and amended to read as follows:

68-9 Sec. 502.473 ~~[502.404]~~. OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITHOUT  
 68-10 ~~[LICENSE PLATE OR]~~ REGISTRATION INSIGNIA. (a) ~~[A person commits an~~  
 68-11 ~~offense if the person operates on a public highway during a~~  
 68-12 ~~registration period a passenger car or commercial motor vehicle~~  
 68-13 ~~that does not display two license plates, at the front and rear of~~  
 68-14 ~~the vehicle, that have been:~~

68-15 ~~[(1) assigned by the department for the period; or~~  
 68-16 ~~[(2) validated by a registration insignia issued by~~  
 68-17 ~~the department that establishes that the vehicle is registered for~~  
 68-18 ~~the period.~~

68-19 ~~[(b)]~~ A person commits an offense if the person operates on  
 68-20 a public highway during a registration period a ~~[passenger car or~~  
 68-21 ~~commercial] motor vehicle~~ ~~[, other than a vehicle assigned license~~  
 68-22 ~~plates for the registration period,]~~ that does not properly display  
 68-23 the registration insignia issued by the department that establishes  
 68-24 that the license plates have been validated for the period.

68-25 (b) ~~[(c)]~~ A person commits an offense if the person operates  
 68-26 on a public highway during a registration period a road tractor,  
 68-27 motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer that does not display ~~[a~~  
 68-28 ~~license plate, attached to the rear of the vehicle, that has been:~~

68-29 ~~[(1) assigned by the department for the period; or~~  
 68-30 ~~[(2) validated by] a registration insignia issued by~~  
 68-31 ~~the department that establishes that the vehicle is registered for~~  
 68-32 ~~the period.~~

68-33 (c) This section does ~~[(d) Subsections (a) and (b) do]~~ not  
 68-34 apply to a dealer operating a vehicle as provided by law.

68-35 (d) ~~[(e) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor~~  
 68-36 ~~punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.~~

68-37 ~~[(f) A court may dismiss a charge brought under Subsection~~  
 68-38 ~~(a) if the defendant:~~

68-39 ~~[(1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first~~  
 68-40 ~~court appearance; and~~

68-41 ~~[(2) pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$10.~~

68-42 ~~[(g)]~~ A court may dismiss a charge brought under Subsection  
 68-43 (a) ~~[(b)]~~ if the defendant:

68-44 (1) shows that ~~+~~

68-45 ~~[(A)]~~ the ~~[passenger car or commercial] motor~~  
 68-46 vehicle was issued a registration insignia by the department that  
 68-47 was attached to the motor vehicle, establishing that ~~[establishes~~  
 68-48 ~~that]~~ the vehicle was registered for the period during which the  
 68-49 offense was committed; and

68-50 ~~[(B) the registration insignia described in~~  
 68-51 ~~Paragraph (A) was attached to the passenger car or commercial motor~~  
 68-52 ~~vehicle before the defendant's first court appearance; and]~~

68-53 (2) pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$10.

68-54 SECTION 158. Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation  
 68-55 Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Section 502.474 to  
 68-56 read as follows:

68-57 Sec. 502.474. OPERATION OF ONE-TRIP PERMIT VEHICLE. A  
 68-58 person commits an offense if the person operates a vehicle for which  
 68-59 a one-trip permit is required without the registration receipt and  
 68-60 properly displayed temporary tag.

68-61 SECTION 159. Section 502.409, Transportation Code, is  
 68-62 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 68-63 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.475, Transportation  
 68-64 Code, and amended to read as follows:

68-65 Sec. 502.475 ~~[502.409]~~. WRONG, FICTITIOUS, ALTERED, OR  
 68-66 OBSCURED INSIGNIA ~~[LICENSE PLATE]~~. (a) A person commits an offense  
 68-67 if the person attaches to or displays on a motor vehicle a ~~[number~~  
 68-68 ~~plate or]~~ registration insignia that:

68-69 (1) is assigned to a different motor vehicle;

69-1 (2) is assigned to the vehicle under any other motor  
69-2 vehicle law other than by the department;

69-3 (3) is assigned for a registration period other than  
69-4 the registration period in effect; or

69-5 (4) is fictitious[+  
69-6 ~~[(5) has blurring or reflective matter that~~  
69-7 ~~significantly impairs the readability of the name of the state in~~  
69-8 ~~which the vehicle is registered or the letters or numbers of the~~  
69-9 ~~license plate number at any time;~~

69-10 ~~[(6) has an attached illuminated device or sticker,~~  
69-11 ~~decal, emblem, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and~~  
69-12 ~~that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers of~~  
69-13 ~~the license plate number or the name of the state in which the~~  
69-14 ~~vehicle is registered; or~~

69-15 ~~[(7) has a coating, covering, protective material, or~~  
69-16 ~~other apparatus that:~~

69-17 ~~[(A) distorts angular visibility or~~  
69-18 ~~detectability;~~

69-19 ~~[(B) alters or obscures one-half or more of the~~  
69-20 ~~name of the state in which the vehicle is registered; or~~

69-21 ~~[(C) alters or obscures the letters or numbers of~~  
69-22 ~~the license plate number or the color of the plate].~~

69-23 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (d) [~~(f)~~], an offense  
69-24 under Subsection (a) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not  
69-25 more than \$200, unless it is shown at the trial of the offense that  
69-26 the owner knowingly altered or made illegible the letters, numbers,  
69-27 and other identification marks, in which case the offense is a Class  
69-28 B misdemeanor.

69-29 (c) ~~[Subsection (a)(7) may not be construed to apply to:~~

69-30 ~~[(1) a trailer hitch installed on a vehicle in a normal~~  
69-31 ~~or customary manner;~~

69-32 ~~[(2) a transponder, as defined by Section 228.057,~~  
69-33 ~~that is attached to a vehicle in the manner required by the issuing~~  
69-34 ~~authority;~~

69-35 ~~[(3) a wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier that is~~  
69-36 ~~attached to a vehicle in a normal or customary manner;~~

69-37 ~~[(4) a trailer being towed by a vehicle; or~~

69-38 ~~[(5) a bicycle rack that is attached to a vehicle in a~~  
69-39 ~~normal or customary manner.~~

69-40 ~~[(d)]~~ A court may dismiss a charge brought under Subsection  
69-41 (a)(3) [~~, (5), (6), or (7)~~] if the defendant:

69-42 (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first  
69-43 court appearance; and

69-44 (2) pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$10.

69-45 (d) [~~(f)~~] An offense under Subsection (a)(4) is a Class B  
69-46 misdemeanor.

69-47 SECTION 160. Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation  
69-48 Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Sections 502.476,  
69-49 502.477, 502.478, and 502.479 to read as follows:

69-50 Sec. 502.476. ANNUAL PERMITS; OFFENSE. A person who  
69-51 violates Section 502.093 commits an offense.

69-52 Sec. 502.477. NONRESIDENT-OWNED VEHICLES USED TO TRANSPORT  
69-53 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT; OFFENSE. (a) A person operating a vehicle  
69-54 under a permit issued under Section 502.092 commits an offense if  
69-55 the person transports farm products to a place of market, storage,  
69-56 or processing or a railhead or seaport that is farther from the  
69-57 place of production or point of entry, as appropriate, than the  
69-58 distance provided for in the permit.

69-59 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
69-60 punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.

69-61 Sec. 502.478. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE USED PRIMARILY FOR  
69-62 AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES; OFFENSE. (a) The owner of a commercial  
69-63 motor vehicle registered under Section 502.433 commits an offense  
69-64 if the person uses or permits the use of the vehicle for a purpose  
69-65 other than one allowed under Section 502.433. Each use or  
69-66 permission of use in violation of this section is a separate  
69-67 offense.

69-68 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
69-69 punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200.

70-1 Sec. 502.479. SEASONAL AGRICULTURAL VEHICLE; OFFENSE. A  
 70-2 person issued a registration under Section 502.432 commits an  
 70-3 offense if the person, during the registration period, uses the  
 70-4 truck-tractor or commercial motor vehicle for a purpose other than  
 70-5 to transport a seasonal agricultural product.

70-6 SECTION 161. Section 520.014, Transportation Code, is  
 70-7 transferred to Subchapter K, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 70-8 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.480, Transportation  
 70-9 Code, and amended to read as follows:

70-10 Sec. 502.480 [~~520.014~~]. VIOLATION BY COUNTY  
 70-11 ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR; PENALTY. (a) A county assessor-collector  
 70-12 commits an offense if the county assessor-collector knowingly  
 70-13 accepts an application for the registration of a motor vehicle  
 70-14 that:

70-15 (1) has had the original motor number or vehicle  
 70-16 identification number removed, erased, or destroyed; and

70-17 (2) does not bear a motor number or vehicle  
 70-18 identification number assigned by the department.

70-19 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
 70-20 punishable by a fine of not less than \$10 and not more than \$50.

70-21 SECTION 162. Chapter 502, Transportation Code, is amended  
 70-22 by adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

70-23 SUBCHAPTER L. REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES

70-24 SECTION 163. Section 502.451, Transportation Code, is  
 70-25 transferred to Subchapter L, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 70-26 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.491, Transportation  
 70-27 Code, and amended to read as follows:

70-28 Sec. 502.491 [~~502.451~~]. TRANSFER OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION  
 70-29 [~~AND REMOVAL OF LICENSE PLATES~~]. (a) On the sale or transfer of a  
 70-30 motor vehicle [~~to a dealer~~], [~~as defined by Section 503.001, who~~  
 70-31 ~~holds a general distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503, the~~  
 70-32 ~~dealer shall remove each license plate and~~] the registration  
 70-33 insignia issued for the motor vehicle shall be removed.

70-34 [~~(a-1) On a sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a person~~  
 70-35 ~~that does not hold a general distinguishing number issued under~~  
 70-36 ~~Chapter 503, the seller or transferor may remove each license plate~~  
 70-37 ~~and the registration insignia issued for the motor vehicle.]~~

70-38 (b) [~~A license plate removed from a motor vehicle under~~  
 70-39 ~~Subsection (a) or (a-1) must be:~~

70-40 (1) ~~disposed of in the manner specified by the~~  
 70-41 ~~department; or~~

70-42 (2) ~~transferred to another vehicle owned by the~~  
 70-43 ~~seller or transferor as provided by Section 502.452.~~

70-44 [~~(c)~~] The part of the registration period remaining at the  
 70-45 time of the sale or transfer shall continue with the vehicle being  
 70-46 sold or transferred and does not transfer with the license plates or  
 70-47 registration validation insignia. To continue the remainder of  
 70-48 the registration period, the purchaser or transferee must file the  
 70-49 documents required under Section 501.145 [~~520.031~~].

70-50 SECTION 164. Section 502.454, Transportation Code, is  
 70-51 transferred to Subchapter L, Chapter 502, Transportation Code, as  
 70-52 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 502.492, Transportation  
 70-53 Code, and amended to read as follows:

70-54 Sec. 502.492 [~~502.454~~]. TEMPORARY TRANSIT PERMIT FOR A  
 70-55 VEHICLE PURCHASED [~~IN A PRIVATE PARTY TRANSACTION~~]. (a) A  
 70-56 purchaser [~~or transferee~~] may obtain from the department a  
 70-57 temporary transit [~~single-trip~~] permit to operate a motor vehicle:

70-58 (1) that is subject to registration in this state;  
 70-59 (2) from which the license plates and the registration  
 70-60 insignia have been removed as authorized by Section 502.491 or  
 70-61 504.901 [~~502.451(a-1)~~]; and

70-62 (3) that is not authorized to travel on a public  
 70-63 roadway because the required license plates and the registration  
 70-64 insignia are not attached to the vehicle.

70-65 (b) The department may issue the permit in accordance with  
 70-66 this section.

70-67 (c) A permit issued under this section is valid for one trip  
 70-68 between the point of origin and the destination and those  
 70-69 intermediate points specified in the permit.

71-1 (d) A permit issued under this section may not be valid for  
71-2 longer than a five-day period.

71-3 (e) A person may obtain a permit under this section by  
71-4 applying, as [on a form] provided by the department, to the  
71-5 department. Application may be made using the department's  
71-6 Internet website.

71-7 (f) A person is eligible to receive only one permit under  
71-8 this section for a motor vehicle.

71-9 (g) A permit receipt issued under this section must be in  
71-10 [on] a manner ~~[form]~~ provided by the department. The receipt must  
71-11 contain the information required by this section and shall be  
71-12 carried in the vehicle at all times during which it is valid.

71-13 (h) The department may refuse to issue a permit under this  
71-14 section for any vehicle if in the department's opinion the  
71-15 applicant has been involved in operations that constitute an abuse  
71-16 of the privilege granted under this section.

71-17 SECTION 165. The heading to Chapter 504, Transportation  
71-18 Code, is amended to read as follows:

71-19 CHAPTER 504. ~~[SPECIALTY]~~ LICENSE PLATES

71-20 SECTION 166. Section 504.001(a), Transportation Code, is  
71-21 amended by adding Subdivision (3) to read as follows:

71-22 (3) "Purchaser" and "seller" have the meanings  
71-23 assigned by Section 501.002.

71-24 SECTION 167. Section 504.004, Transportation Code, is  
71-25 redesignated as Section 504.0011, Transportation Code, and amended  
71-26 to read as follows:

71-27 Sec. 504.0011 ~~[504.004]~~. RULES ~~[AND FORMS]~~. The board may  
71-28 adopt rules ~~[and the department may issue forms]~~ to implement and  
71-29 administer this chapter.

71-30 SECTION 168. Section 504.002, Transportation Code, is  
71-31 amended to read as follows:

71-32 Sec. 504.002. ~~[PROVISIONS OF]~~ GENERAL PROVISIONS  
71-33 ~~[APPLICABILITY]~~. Unless expressly provided by this chapter or by  
71-34 department rule:

71-35 (1) except for license plates specified as exempt,  
71-36 [any vehicle is eligible to be issued specialty license plates,  
71-37 provided that the department may vary the design of a license plate  
71-38 to accommodate or reflect its use on a motor vehicle other than a  
71-39 passenger car or light truck,

71-40 ~~[(2) an application for specialty license plates must~~  
71-41 ~~be submitted in the manner specified by the department, provided~~  
71-42 ~~that if issuance of a specialty license plate is limited to~~  
71-43 ~~particular persons or motor vehicles, the application must be~~  
71-44 ~~accompanied by evidence satisfactory to the department that the~~  
71-45 ~~applicant or the applicant's vehicle is eligible,~~

71-46 ~~[(3)]~~ the fee for issuance of a [specialty] license  
71-47 plate, including replacement plates, is in addition to each other  
71-48 fee that is paid for [or] at the time of the registration of the  
71-49 motor vehicle and shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
71-50 highway fund;

71-51 (2) if the registration period is greater than 12  
71-52 months, the expiration date of a specialty license plate, symbol,  
71-53 tab, or other device shall be aligned with the registration period,  
71-54 and the specialty plate fee shall be adjusted pro rata, except that  
71-55 if the statutory annual fee for a specialty license plate is \$5 or  
71-56 less, it may not be prorated;

71-57 ~~[(3) [(4) each fee described by this chapter is an~~  
71-58 ~~annual fee, provided that the department may prorate the fee for a~~  
71-59 ~~specialty license plate fee on a monthly basis to align the license~~  
71-60 ~~plate fee to the registration period for the motor vehicle for which~~  
71-61 ~~the license plate was issued, and if a fee is prorated the~~  
71-62 ~~allocation of the fee by this chapter to an account or fund shall be~~  
71-63 ~~prorated in proportion,~~

71-64 ~~[(5)]~~ the department is the exclusive owner of the  
71-65 design of each ~~[specialty]~~ license plate;

71-66 (4) [(6) the director may refuse to issue a specialty  
71-67 license plate with a design or alphanumeric pattern that the  
71-68 director considers potentially objectionable to one or more members  
71-69 of the public and the director's refusal may not be overturned in

72-1 ~~the absence of an abuse of discretion;~~

72-2 ~~[(7) for each specialty license plate that is issued~~  
 72-3 ~~through a county tax assessor-collector and for which the~~  
 72-4 ~~department is allocated a portion of a fee for administrative~~  
 72-5 ~~costs, the department shall credit 50 cents from its administrative~~  
 72-6 ~~costs to the county treasurer of the applicable county, who shall~~  
 72-7 ~~credit the money to the general fund of the county to defray the~~  
 72-8 ~~costs to the county of administering this chapter;~~

72-9 ~~[(8) if a [specialty] license plate is lost, stolen,~~  
 72-10 ~~or mutilated, an application for a replacement plate must be~~  
 72-11 ~~accompanied by the fee prescribed by Section 502.060~~  
 72-12 ~~[502.184(a)(2)];~~

72-13 ~~[(9) if the owner of a motor vehicle for which a~~  
 72-14 ~~specialty license plate is issued disposes of the vehicle or for any~~  
 72-15 ~~reason ceases to be eligible for that specialty license plate, the~~  
 72-16 ~~owner shall return the specialty license plate to the department];~~  
 72-17 ~~and~~

72-18 (5) the department shall prepare the designs and  
 72-19 specifications of license plates ~~[(10) a person who is issued a~~  
 72-20 ~~specialty license plate may not transfer it to another person or~~  
 72-21 ~~vehicle without first receiving approval from the department].~~

72-22 SECTION 169. Section 504.103, Transportation Code, is  
 72-23 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
 72-24 redesignated as Section 504.005, Transportation Code, and amended  
 72-25 to read as follows:

72-26 Sec. 504.005 ~~[504.103]~~. DESIGN AND ALPHANUMERIC PATTERN.  
 72-27 (a) The department has sole control over the design, typeface,  
 72-28 color, and alphanumeric pattern for all ~~[a personalized]~~ license  
 72-29 plates ~~[plate]~~.

72-30 (b) The department shall prepare the designs and  
 72-31 specifications of license plates and devices selected by the board  
 72-32 to be used as a unique identifier.

72-33 (c) The department shall design each license plate to  
 72-34 include a design at least one-half inch wide that represents in  
 72-35 silhouette the shape of Texas and that appears between letters and  
 72-36 numerals. The department may omit the silhouette of Texas from  
 72-37 specialty designed license plates.

72-38 (d) To promote highway safety, each license plate shall be  
 72-39 made with a reflectorized material that provides effective and  
 72-40 dependable brightness for the period for which the plate is issued.

72-41 SECTION 170. Subchapter A, Chapter 504, Transportation  
 72-42 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.0051 to read as follows:

72-43 Sec. 504.0051. PERSONALIZED LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 72-44 department shall issue personalized license plates, including  
 72-45 those issued in accordance with the marketing vendor as provided in  
 72-46 Subchapter J. The department may not issue more than one set of  
 72-47 license plates with the same alphanumeric pattern.

72-48 (b) The department may not issue a replacement set of  
 72-49 personalized plates to the same person before the period set by rule  
 72-50 unless the applicant for issuance of replacement plates pays the  
 72-51 fee required by Section 504.007.

72-52 SECTION 171. Section 502.053, Transportation Code, is  
 72-53 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 504, Transportation Code,  
 72-54 redesignated as Section 504.006, Transportation Code, and amended  
 72-55 to read as follows:

72-56 Sec. 504.006 ~~[502.053]~~. COST OF MANUFACTURING ~~[LICENSE~~  
 72-57 ~~PLATES OR REGISTRATION INSIGNIA]~~. (a) The department shall  
 72-58 reimburse the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the cost of  
 72-59 manufacturing license plates ~~[or registration insignia]~~ as ~~[the~~  
 72-60 ~~license plates or insignia and]~~ the invoices ~~[invoice]~~ for the  
 72-61 license plates ~~[or insignia]~~ are delivered to the department.

72-62 (b) When manufacturing is started, the Texas Department of  
 72-63 Criminal Justice and ~~[7]~~ the department, ~~[and the comptroller,~~  
 72-64 ~~after negotiation, shall set the price to be paid for each license~~  
 72-65 ~~plate [or insignia]. The price must be determined from:~~

72-66 (1) the cost of metal, paint, and other materials  
 72-67 purchased;

72-68 (2) the inmate maintenance cost per shift ~~[day]~~;

72-69 (3) overhead expenses;



73-1 (4) miscellaneous charges; and  
 73-2 (5) a previously agreed upon [~~approved~~] amount of  
 73-3 profit for the work.

73-4 [~~(c) The annual profit received by the Texas Department of~~  
 73-5 ~~Criminal Justice from all contracts for the manufacturing of~~  
 73-6 ~~license plates or related manufacturing may not be less than the~~  
 73-7 ~~profit received by the Texas Department of Corrections for~~  
 73-8 ~~manufacturing license plates for use in 1974.]~~

73-9 SECTION 172. Section 502.1841, Transportation Code, as  
 73-10 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter A,  
 73-11 Chapter 504, Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 504.007,  
 73-12 Transportation Code, and amended to read as follows:

73-13 Sec. 504.007 [~~502.1841~~]. REPLACEMENT LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
 73-14 The owner of a registered motor vehicle may obtain replacement  
 73-15 license plates for the vehicle by:

73-16 (1) certifying that the replacement plates will not be  
 73-17 used on any other vehicle owned or operated by the person making the  
 73-18 statement;

73-19 (2) paying a fee of \$6 plus the fee required by Section  
 73-20 502.356(a) [~~502.1705(a)~~] for each set of replacement license  
 73-21 plates, unless otherwise specified by law; and

73-22 (3) returning to the department each license plate in  
 73-23 the owner's possession for which a replacement license plate is  
 73-24 obtained.

73-25 (b) Replacement license plates may not be issued except as  
 73-26 provided by this section.

73-27 (c) A county assessor-collector shall retain \$2.50 of each  
 73-28 fee collected under this section and forward the remainder of the  
 73-29 fee to the department.

73-30 (d) The fee required by this section applies to the issuance  
 73-31 of license plates for a transferred used vehicle for which the  
 73-32 registration and license plates were not transferred under Section  
 73-33 504.901 [~~Subchapter I~~].

73-34 (e) Replacement license plates may be used in the  
 73-35 registration year in which the plates are issued and during each  
 73-36 succeeding year of the registration period as set by rule if the  
 73-37 registration insignia is properly displayed on the vehicle.

73-38 (f) Subsection (e) does not apply to the issuance of  
 73-39 specialized license plates for limited distribution, including  
 73-40 exempt plates for governmental entities and temporary registration  
 73-41 plates.

73-42 SECTION 173. Subchapter A, Chapter 504, Transportation  
 73-43 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.008 to read as follows:

73-44 Sec. 504.008. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 73-45 department shall prepare the designs and specifications of  
 73-46 specialty license plates.

73-47 (b) Any motor vehicle other than a vehicle manufactured for  
 73-48 off-highway use only is eligible to be issued specialty license  
 73-49 plates, provided that the department may vary the design of a  
 73-50 license plate to accommodate or reflect its use on a motor vehicle  
 73-51 other than a passenger car or light truck.

73-52 (c) An application for specialty license plates must be  
 73-53 submitted in the manner specified by the department, provided that  
 73-54 if issuance of a specialty license plate is limited to particular  
 73-55 persons or motor vehicles, the application must be accompanied by  
 73-56 evidence satisfactory to the department that the applicant or the  
 73-57 applicant's vehicle is eligible.

73-58 (d) Each fee described by this chapter is an annual fee,  
 73-59 provided that the department may prorate the fee for a specialty  
 73-60 license plate fee on a monthly basis to align the license plate fee  
 73-61 to the registration month for the motor vehicle for which the  
 73-62 license plate was issued, and if a fee is prorated the allocation of  
 73-63 the fee by this chapter to an account or fund shall be prorated in  
 73-64 proportion.

73-65 (e) The director or the director's designee may refuse to  
 73-66 issue a specialty license plate with a design or alphanumeric  
 73-67 pattern that the director or designee considers potentially  
 73-68 objectionable to one or more members of the public and the director  
 73-69 or designee's refusal may not be overturned in the absence of an

74-1 abuse of discretion.

74-2 (f) For each specialty license plate that is issued by a  
 74-3 county assessor-collector and for which the department is allocated  
 74-4 a portion of the fee for administrative costs, the department shall  
 74-5 credit 50 cents from its administrative costs to the county  
 74-6 treasurer of the applicable county, who shall credit the money to  
 74-7 the general fund of the county to defray the costs to the county of  
 74-8 administering this chapter.

74-9 (g) If the owner of a motor vehicle for which a specialty  
 74-10 license plate is issued disposes of the vehicle or for any reason  
 74-11 ceases to be eligible for that specialty license plate, the owner  
 74-12 shall return the specialty license plate to the department.

74-13 (h) A person who is issued a specialty license plate may not  
 74-14 transfer the plate to another person or vehicle unless the  
 74-15 department approves the transfer.

74-16 SECTION 174. Section 504.003, Transportation Code, is  
 74-17 redesignated as Section 504.009, Transportation Code, and amended  
 74-18 to read as follows:

74-19 Sec. 504.009 [~~504.003~~]. SOUVENIR LICENSE PLATES. (a) The  
 74-20 department may issue a souvenir version of any specialty license  
 74-21 plate for any vehicle[~~, including a motorcycle~~].

74-22 (b) The fee for a single souvenir license plate is \$20. The  
 74-23 fee shall be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund  
 74-24 unless the souvenir license plate is a replica of a specialty  
 74-25 license plate issued under Subchapter G or I for which the fee is  
 74-26 deposited to an account other than the state highway fund, in which  
 74-27 case:

74-28 (1) \$10 of the fee for the souvenir license plate shall  
 74-29 be deposited to the credit of the designated account; and

74-30 (2) \$10 of the fee for the souvenir license plate shall  
 74-31 be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

74-32 (c) If a souvenir license plate issued before September 1,  
 74-33 2009, is personalized, the fee for the plate is \$40. Of the fee:

74-34 (1) \$20 shall be deposited to the credit of the state  
 74-35 highway fund;

74-36 (2) \$10 shall be deposited to the credit of the  
 74-37 designated account if the souvenir license plate is a replica of a  
 74-38 specialty license plate issued under Subchapter G or I for which the  
 74-39 fee is deposited to a designated account other than the state  
 74-40 highway fund; and

74-41 (3) the remainder shall be deposited to the credit of  
 74-42 the general revenue fund.

74-43 (c-1) The fee for a souvenir license plate issued on or  
 74-44 after September 1, 2009, is the amount established under Section  
 74-45 504.851(c).

74-46 (d) A souvenir license plate may not be used on a motor  
 74-47 vehicle[~~, including a motorcycle~~] and is not an insignia of  
 74-48 registration for a motor vehicle. Each souvenir license plate must  
 74-49 be identified by the department in a way that identifies it to law  
 74-50 enforcement officers and others as a souvenir license plate.

74-51 (e) A beneficiary of a specialty license plate issued under  
 74-52 Subchapter G or I, as designated by the applicable section of those  
 74-53 subchapters, may purchase the specialty license plates, in minimum  
 74-54 amounts determined by the department [~~boxes of 25~~], for use or  
 74-55 resale by the beneficiary. The beneficiary shall pay the required  
 74-56 fee per plate, less the amount of the fee that would be deposited to  
 74-57 the credit of the designated account.

74-58 SECTION 175. Subchapter A, Chapter 504, Transportation  
 74-59 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.010 to read as follows:

74-60 Sec. 504.010. ISSUANCE AND PLACEMENT OF LICENSE PLATE. (a)  
 74-61 On payment of the prescribed fee, an applicant for motor vehicle  
 74-62 registration shall be issued a license plate or set of plates.

74-63 (b) Subject to Section 504.901, the department shall issue  
 74-64 only one license plate or set of plates for a vehicle during the  
 74-65 registration period set by rule.

74-66 (c) The board may adopt rules regarding the placement of  
 74-67 license plates for a motor vehicle, road tractor, motorcycle,  
 74-68 trailer, or semitrailer.

74-69 SECTION 176. Sections 504.201(b), (d), and (g),

75-1 Transportation Code, are amended to read as follows:

75-2 (b) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
75-3 a motor vehicle that:

75-4 (1) has a gross vehicle weight [~~manufacturer's rated~~  
75-5 ~~carrying capacity~~] of 18,000 pounds [~~two tons~~] or less; and

75-6 (2) is regularly operated for noncommercial use by or  
75-7 for the transportation of a person with a permanent disability.

75-8 (d) Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), the initial  
75-9 application for specialty license plates under this section must be  
75-10 accompanied by a written statement from a physician who is licensed  
75-11 to practice medicine in this state or in a state adjacent to this  
75-12 state or who is authorized by applicable law to practice medicine in  
75-13 a hospital or other health facility of the Department of Veterans  
75-14 Affairs. If the applicant has a mobility problem caused by a  
75-15 disorder of the foot, the written statement may be issued by a  
75-16 person licensed to practice podiatry in this state or a state  
75-17 adjacent to this state. In this subsection, "podiatry" has the  
75-18 meaning assigned by Section 681.001. The statement must certify  
75-19 that the person making the application or on whose behalf the  
75-20 application is made is legally blind or has a mobility problem that  
75-21 substantially impairs the person's ability to ambulate. The  
75-22 statement must also certify whether a mobility problem is temporary  
75-23 or permanent. A written statement is not required as acceptable  
75-24 medical proof if:

75-25 (1) the person with a disability:

75-26 (A) has had a limb, hand, or foot amputated; or

75-27 (B) must use a wheelchair; and

75-28 (2) the applicant executes a statement [~~and the county~~  
75-29 ~~assessor-collector processing the application execute an~~  
75-30 ~~affidavit~~] attesting to the person's disability before the county  
75-31 assessor-collector.

75-32 (g) In addition to a license plate issued under this  
75-33 section, an eligible person is entitled to be issued a set of the  
75-34 license plates for each motor vehicle owned by the person that has a  
75-35 gross vehicle weight [~~carrying capacity~~] of 18,000 pounds [~~two~~  
75-36 ~~tons~~] or less and is equipped with special equipment that:

75-37 (1) is designed to allow a person who has lost the use  
75-38 of one or both of the person's legs to operate the vehicle; and

75-39 (2) is not standard equipment on that type of vehicle  
75-40 for use by a person who has use of both legs.

75-41 SECTION 177. Section 504.202, Transportation Code, is  
75-42 amended by amending Subsections (b) and (f) and adding Subsection  
75-43 (i) to read as follows:

75-44 (b) A veteran of the United States armed forces is entitled  
75-45 to register, for the person's own use, motor vehicles under this  
75-46 section if:

75-47 (1) the person has suffered, as a result of military  
75-48 service:

75-49 (A) at least a 50 percent service-connected  
75-50 disability; or

75-51 (B) a 40 percent service-connected disability  
75-52 because of the amputation of a lower extremity;

75-53 (2) the person receives compensation from the United  
75-54 States because of the disability; and

75-55 (3) the motor vehicle:

75-56 (A) is owned by the person; and

75-57 (B) has a gross vehicle weight [~~manufacturer's~~  
75-58 ~~rated carrying capacity~~] of 18,000 pounds [~~two tons~~] or less.

75-59 (f) The fee for the first set of license plates is \$3. There  
75-60 is no fee for each additional set of license plates. [~~If a license~~  
75-61 ~~plate is lost, stolen, or mutilated, on payment of a \$1 fee the~~  
75-62 ~~department shall issue a set of replacement plates.~~]

75-63 (i) A license plate with the letters "DV" may be  
75-64 personalized with up to four characters.

75-65 SECTION 178. Section 504.203(b), Transportation Code, is  
75-66 amended to read as follows:

75-67 (b) An application for license plates under this section  
75-68 must be accompanied by a written statement acknowledged [~~signed~~]  
75-69 by the administrator or manager of the institution, facility, or

76-1 retirement community certifying that the institution, facility, or  
 76-2 retirement community regularly transports, as a part of the  
 76-3 services that the institution, facility, or retirement community  
 76-4 provides, one or more eligible persons who reside in the  
 76-5 institution, facility, or retirement community. The department  
 76-6 shall determine the eligibility of the institution, facility, or  
 76-7 retirement community on the evidence the applicant provides.

76-8 SECTION 179. Section 504.3011, Transportation Code, is  
 76-9 amended to read as follows:

76-10 Sec. 504.3011. DESIGN OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES FOR THE  
 76-11 MILITARY. [~~(a) License plates issued under Section 504.303 must~~  
 76-12 ~~at a minimum bear a color depiction of the emblem of the appropriate~~  
 76-13 ~~branch of the United States armed forces.~~

76-14 [~~(b) License plates issued under Section 504.308(a) or~~  
 76-15 ~~504.315(e), (f), or (g) must at a minimum bear a color depiction of~~  
 76-16 ~~the appropriate medal.~~

76-17 [~~(c)~~] The department shall design military license plates  
 76-18 that bear a color depiction of the emblem of the appropriate branch  
 76-19 of the United States armed forces or a color depiction of the  
 76-20 appropriate medal as provided by the United States Department of  
 76-21 Defense [~~to which this section applies in consultation with~~  
 76-22 ~~veterans organizations~~].

76-23 SECTION 180. Section 504.315(d), Transportation Code, is  
 76-24 amended to read as follows:

76-25 (d) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
 76-26 survivors of the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The  
 76-27 license plates must include the words "Pearl Harbor Survivor." [~~and~~  
 76-28 ~~must be consecutively numbered.~~] A person is eligible if the  
 76-29 person:

- 76-30 (1) served in the United States armed forces;
- 76-31 (2) was stationed in the Hawaiian Islands on December  
 76-32 7, 1941; and
- 76-33 (3) survived the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7,  
 76-34 1941.

76-35 SECTION 181. Subchapter E, Chapter 504, Transportation  
 76-36 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.400 to read as follows:

76-37 Sec. 504.400. FEES FOR CERTAIN RESTRICTED PLATES. The  
 76-38 department shall issue, without charge, not more than three sets of  
 76-39 specialty license plates under this subchapter.

76-40 SECTION 182. Sections 504.401(a) and (c), Transportation  
 76-41 Code, are amended to read as follows:

76-42 (a) The department shall issue [~~without charge~~] specialty  
 76-43 license plates that include the words "State Official" to a state  
 76-44 official. [~~The license plates must include the words "State~~  
 76-45 ~~Official."~~]

76-46 (c) The registration remains [~~license plates remain~~] valid  
 76-47 until December 31 of each year.

76-48 SECTION 183. Section 504.402(a), Transportation Code, is  
 76-49 amended to read as follows:

76-50 (a) The department shall issue [~~without charge~~] specialty  
 76-51 license plates to [~~for~~] members of congress, which [~~License~~  
 76-52 ~~plates issued under this section~~] must include the words "U.S.  
 76-53 Congress."

76-54 SECTION 184. Section 504.403(a), Transportation Code, is  
 76-55 amended to read as follows:

76-56 (a) The department shall issue [~~without charge~~] specialty  
 76-57 license plates for a current or visiting state or federal judge.  
 76-58 The license plates must include the words "State Judge" or "U.S.  
 76-59 Judge," as appropriate.

76-60 SECTION 185. Section 504.403(d)(2), Transportation Code,  
 76-61 is amended to read as follows:

- 76-62 (2) "State judge" means:
  - 76-63 (A) a justice of the supreme court;
  - 76-64 (B) a judge of the court of criminal appeals;
  - 76-65 (C) a judge of a court of appeals of this state;
  - 76-66 (D) a district court judge;
  - 76-67 (E) a presiding judge of an administrative  
 76-68 judicial district; or
  - 76-69 (F) a statutory county court judge.

77-1 SECTION 186. Section 504.404(a), Transportation Code, is  
 77-2 amended to read as follows:

77-3 (a) The department shall issue [~~without charge~~] specialty  
 77-4 license plates to [~~for~~] current federal administrative law judges  
 77-5 that [~~. The license plates shall~~] bear the words "U.S. A. L.  
 77-6 Judge."

77-7 SECTION 187. Section 504.405(a), Transportation Code, is  
 77-8 amended to read as follows:

77-9 (a) The department shall issue [~~without charge~~] specialty  
 77-10 license plates for current county judges of this state that [~~. The  
 77-11 license plates shall~~] bear the words "County Judge."

77-12 SECTION 188. Section 504.406, Transportation Code, is  
 77-13 amended to read as follows:

77-14 Sec. 504.406. TEXAS CONSTABLES. The department shall issue  
 77-15 [~~without charge~~] specialty license plates for Texas constables  
 77-16 that [~~. The license plates shall~~] bear the words "Texas Constable."

77-17 SECTION 189. Section 504.412, Transportation Code, is  
 77-18 redesignated as Section 504.4061, Transportation Code, and amended  
 77-19 to read as follows:

77-20 Sec. 504.4061 [~~504.412~~]. FOREIGN ORGANIZATION VEHICLES.

77-21 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for an  
 77-22 instrumentality established by a foreign government recognized by  
 77-23 the United States before January 1, 1979, that is without official  
 77-24 representation or diplomatic relations with the United States. The  
 77-25 license plates must include the words "Foreign Organization" and  
 77-26 shall remain valid for seven [~~five~~] years.

77-27 (b) A person entitled to specialty license plates under this  
 77-28 section may register the vehicle without payment of any fee paid for  
 77-29 or at the time of registration.

77-30 SECTION 190. Section 504.509, Transportation Code, as  
 77-31 effective September 1, 2011, is transferred to Subchapter E,  
 77-32 Chapter 504, Transportation Code, and redesignated as Section  
 77-33 504.415, Transportation Code, to read as follows:

77-34 Sec. 504.415 [~~504.509~~]. VEHICLES CARRYING MOBILE AMATEUR  
 77-35 RADIO EQUIPMENT. The department shall issue specialty license  
 77-36 plates for a person who holds an amateur radio station license  
 77-37 issued by the Federal Communications Commission and who operates  
 77-38 receiving and transmitting mobile amateur radio equipment. The  
 77-39 license plates shall include the person's amateur call letters as  
 77-40 assigned by the Federal Communications Commission. A person may  
 77-41 register more than one vehicle equipped with mobile amateur radio  
 77-42 equipment under this section, and the department shall issue  
 77-43 license plates that include the same amateur call letters for each  
 77-44 vehicle.

77-45 SECTION 191. The heading to Subchapter F, Chapter 504,  
 77-46 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

77-47 SUBCHAPTER F. SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES WITH RESTRICTED  
 77-48 DISTRIBUTION AND REGULAR LICENSE PLATE FEES [~~FOR CERTAIN VEHICLES~~]

77-49 SECTION 192. Section 504.502(g), Transportation Code, is  
 77-50 amended to read as follows:

77-51 (g) A person entitled to specialty license plates or to  
 77-52 department approval under this section may register the vehicle  
 77-53 without payment of any fees paid for or at the time of registration  
 77-54 except the fee for the license plate. [~~An owner of a vehicle  
 77-55 registered under this subsection who violates this section commits  
 77-56 an offense. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
 77-57 punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or more than \$200.~~]

77-58 SECTION 193. Section 504.503, Transportation Code, is  
 77-59 amended to read as follows:

77-60 Sec. 504.503. MUNICIPAL, MOTOR, AND PRIVATE BUSES.  
 77-61 [~~(a)~~] The department shall issue without charge specialty license  
 77-62 plates for municipal buses, motor buses, and private buses. The  
 77-63 license plates must include the words "City Bus," "Motor Bus," or  
 77-64 "Private Bus," as appropriate.

77-65 [~~(b) In this section, "private bus" means a bus that:~~

77-66 [~~(1) is not operated for hire, and~~

77-67 [~~(2) is not classified as a municipal bus or a motor~~  
 77-68 bus.]

77-69 SECTION 194. The heading to Section 504.506, Transportation

78-1 Code, is amended to read as follows:

78-2 Sec. 504.506. [~~CERTAIN~~] LOG LOADER VEHICLES.

78-3 SECTION 195. Sections 504.407 and 504.408, Transportation  
78-4 Code, are transferred to Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation  
78-5 Code, and redesignated as Sections 504.511 and 504.512,  
78-6 Transportation Code, to read as follows:

78-7 Sec. 504.511 [~~504.407~~]. PEACE OFFICERS WOUNDED OR KILLED  
78-8 IN LINE OF DUTY. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
78-9 plates for:

78-10 (1) a person wounded in the line of duty as a peace  
78-11 officer; or

78-12 (2) a surviving spouse, parent, brother, sister, or  
78-13 adult child, including an adopted child or stepchild, of a person  
78-14 killed in the line of duty as a peace officer.

78-15 (b) License plates issued under this section must include  
78-16 the words "To Protect and Serve" above an insignia depicting a  
78-17 yellow rose superimposed over the outline of a badge.

78-18 (c) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$20.

78-19 (d) In this section, "peace officer" has the meaning  
78-20 assigned by Section 1.07, Penal Code.

78-21 Sec. 504.512 [~~504.408~~]. GOLD STAR MOTHER, SPOUSE, OR  
78-22 FAMILY MEMBER. (a) The department shall issue a specialty license  
78-23 plate for the mother, surviving spouse, or immediate family member  
78-24 of a person who died while serving in the United States armed  
78-25 forces. License plates issued under this section must include the  
78-26 words "Gold Star Mother," "Gold Star Spouse," or "Gold Star Family"  
78-27 and a gold star. A person may not be issued more than one set of the  
78-28 license plates at a time.

78-29 (a-1) In this section "immediate family member" means the  
78-30 parent, child, or sibling of a person who died while serving in the  
78-31 United States armed forces.

78-32 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$10.

78-33 SECTION 196. Section 504.409, Transportation Code, as  
78-34 effective September 1, 2011, and as amended by Chapters 1136 (H.B.  
78-35 2553) and 1381 (S.B. 1616), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular  
78-36 Session, 2009, is transferred to Subchapter F, Chapter 504,  
78-37 Transportation Code, redesignated as Section 504.513,  
78-38 Transportation Code, and reenacted and amended to read as follows:

78-39 Sec. 504.513 [~~504.409~~]. FIREFIGHTERS. (a) The department  
78-40 shall issue specialty license plates for:

78-41 (1) volunteer firefighters certified by:

78-42 (A) the Texas Commission on Fire Protection; or

78-43 (B) the State Firemen's and Fire Marshals'  
78-44 Association of Texas; and

78-45 (2) fire protection personnel as that term is defined  
78-46 by Section 419.021, Government Code.

78-47 (b) [~~(c)~~] A person may be issued not more than three sets of  
78-48 license plates.

78-49 SECTION 197. Sections 504.410 and 504.411, Transportation  
78-50 Code, are transferred to Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation  
78-51 Code, redesignated as Sections 504.514 and 504.515, Transportation  
78-52 Code, and amended to read as follows:

78-53 Sec. 504.514 [~~504.410~~]. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
78-54 PERSONNEL. (a) The department shall issue specialty license  
78-55 plates for emergency medical services personnel certified by the  
78-56 [~~Texas~~] Department of State Health Services under Subchapter C,  
78-57 Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code.

78-58 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$8.

78-59 (c) A person may be issued only one set of the license  
78-60 plates.

78-61 Sec. 504.515 [~~504.411~~]. HONORARY CONSULS. (a) The  
78-62 department shall issue specialty license plates for a person who is  
78-63 an honorary consul authorized by the United States to perform  
78-64 consular duties. License plates issued under this section must  
78-65 include the words "Honorary Consul."

78-66 (b) The fee for issuance of the license plates is \$40.

78-67 SECTION 198. Subchapter F, Chapter 504, Transportation  
78-68 Code, is amended by adding Section 504.516 to read as follows:

78-69 Sec. 504.516. RENTAL TRAILER OR TRAVEL TRAILER FEE:

79-1 TRAILER OR SEMITRAILER. (a) The department may issue specially  
 79-2 designed license plates for rental trailers and travel trailers  
 79-3 that include, as appropriate, the words "rental trailer" or "travel  
 79-4 trailer."

79-5 (b) In this section:  
 79-6 (1) "Rental fleet" means vehicles that are designated  
 79-7 in the manner prescribed by the department as a rental fleet.

79-8 (2) "Rental trailer" means a utility trailer.

79-9 (3) "Travel trailer" has the meaning assigned by  
 79-10 Section 501.002.

79-11 SECTION 199. Section 504.614(a), Transportation Code, is  
 79-12 amended to read as follows:

79-13 (a) The department may issue specialty license plates that  
 79-14 include the name and insignia of a professional sports team located  
 79-15 in this state. The department shall design the license plates in  
 79-16 consultation with the professional sports team and may enter a  
 79-17 trademark license with the professional sports team or its league  
 79-18 to implement this section. A license plate may be issued under this  
 79-19 section only for a professional sports team that:

79-20 (1) certifies to the department that ~~the requirements~~  
 79-21 of Section 504.702 are met ~~[it has determined that at least 3,500~~  
 79-22 persons will apply for the plates]; and

79-23 (2) plays its home games in a facility constructed or  
 79-24 operated, in whole or in part, with public funds.

79-25 SECTION 200. Section 504.615, Transportation Code, is  
 79-26 amended by amending Subsections (a) and (e) and adding Subsection  
 79-27 (d-1) to read as follows:

79-28 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
 79-29 that include the name and insignia of a college. The department  
 79-30 shall design the license plates in consultation with the applicable  
 79-31 college. The department may issue a license plate under this  
 79-32 section only for a college that certifies to the department that the  
 79-33 requirements of Section 504.702 are met ~~[it has determined that at~~  
 79-34 least 1,500 persons will apply for the plates].

79-35 (d-1) If the fee is for the issuance of license plates for a  
 79-36 college described by Subsection (e)(3), the money:

79-37 (1) shall be deposited to the credit of the Texas  
 79-38 Higher Education Coordinating Board; and

79-39 (2) is supplementary and is not income for purposes of  
 79-40 reducing general revenue appropriations to that board.

79-41 (e) In this section, "college" means:

79-42 (1) an institution of higher education as defined by  
 79-43 Section 61.003, Education Code; ~~or~~

79-44 (2) a private college or university described by  
 79-45 Section 61.222, Education Code; ~~or~~

79-46 (3) a college or university that is not located in this  
 79-47 state.

79-48 SECTION 201. Section 504.616(a), Transportation Code, is  
 79-49 amended to read as follows:

79-50 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates  
 79-51 including the words "Texas Reads" that ~~["Texas Reads." The~~  
 79-52 department shall design the license plates to] incorporate one or  
 79-53 more submissions from middle school students in a competition  
 79-54 conducted by the department.

79-55 SECTION 202. The heading to Section 504.642, Transportation  
 79-56 Code, is amended to read as follows:

79-57 Sec. 504.642. TEXAS COUNCIL OF ~~[COUNTY]~~ CHILD WELFARE  
 79-58 BOARDS ~~[BOARD]~~ LICENSE PLATES.

79-59 SECTION 203. Section 504.642(a), Transportation Code, is  
 79-60 amended to read as follows:

79-61 (a) The department shall issue Texas Council of ~~[County]~~  
 79-62 Child Welfare Boards specialty license plates. The department  
 79-63 shall design the license plates in consultation with the Texas  
 79-64 Council of Child Welfare Boards, Inc.

79-65 SECTION 204. Section 504.647(a), Transportation Code, is  
 79-66 amended to read as follows:

79-67 (a) The department shall issue Fight Terrorism specialty  
 79-68 license plates that ~~[. The license plates shall]~~ include a  
 79-69 pentagon-shaped border surrounding:

- 80-1 (1) the date "9-11-01" with the likeness of the World
- 80-2 Trade Center towers forming the "11";
- 80-3 (2) the likeness of the United States flag; and
- 80-4 (3) the words "Fight Terrorism."

80-5 SECTION 205. Section 504.413, Transportation Code, is  
 80-6 transferred to Subchapter G, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, and  
 80-7 redesignated as Section 504.659, Transportation Code, to read as  
 80-8 follows:

80-9 Sec. 504.659 [~~504.413~~]. MEMBERS OF AMERICAN LEGION.  
 80-10 (a) The department shall issue specialty license plates for  
 80-11 members of the American Legion. The license plates shall include  
 80-12 the words "Still Serving America" and the emblem of the American  
 80-13 Legion. The department shall design the license plates in  
 80-14 consultation with the American Legion.

80-15 (b) The fee for the license plates is \$30.

80-16 (c) After deduction of \$8 to reimburse the department for  
 80-17 its administrative costs, the remainder of the fee for issuance of  
 80-18 the license plates shall be deposited to the credit of the American  
 80-19 Legion, Department of Texas account in the state treasury. Money in  
 80-20 the account may be used only by the Texas Veterans Commission in  
 80-21 making grants to the American Legion Endowment Fund for  
 80-22 scholarships and youth programs sponsored by the American Legion,  
 80-23 Department of Texas.

80-24 SECTION 206. Section 504.702, Transportation Code, is  
 80-25 amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsections (e) and  
 80-26 (f) to read as follows:

80-27 (b) The department may manufacture the specialty license  
 80-28 plates only if a request for manufacture of the license plates is  
 80-29 filed with the department. The request must be:

80-30 (1) made in [~~on~~] a manner prescribed [~~form adopted~~] by  
 80-31 the department;

80-32 (2) filed before the fifth anniversary of the  
 80-33 effective date of the law that authorizes the issuance of the  
 80-34 specialty license plates; and

80-35 (3) accompanied by [~~+~~  
 80-36 [~~(A)~~] a deposit of \$8,000 [~~+~~ or  
 80-37 [~~(B)~~] ~~applications for issuance of at least 1,900~~  
 80-38 ~~sets of the license plates plus the fees for issuance of that number~~  
 80-39 ~~of sets~~].

80-40 (e) The department may issue license plates under:

80-41 (1) Section 504.614 for a particular professional  
 80-42 sports team only if \$8,000 has been deposited with the department  
 80-43 for that sports team; or

80-44 (2) Section 504.615 for a particular institution of  
 80-45 higher education or private college or university only if \$8,000  
 80-46 has been deposited with the department for that institution,  
 80-47 college, or university.

80-48 (f) Money deposited with the department under Subsection  
 80-49 (b)(3) or (e) shall be returned by the department to the person who  
 80-50 made the deposit after 800 sets of plates have been issued.

80-51 SECTION 207. Sections 504.801(a) and (b), Transportation  
 80-52 Code, as effective September 1, 2011, are amended to read as  
 80-53 follows:

80-54 (a) The department may create new specialty license plates  
 80-55 on its own initiative or on receipt of an application from a  
 80-56 potential sponsor. A new specialty license plate created under  
 80-57 this section must comply with each requirement of Section 504.702  
 80-58 unless the license is created by the department on its own  
 80-59 initiative. The department may permit a specialty license plate  
 80-60 created under this section to be personalized. The redesign of an  
 80-61 existing specialty license plate at the request of a sponsor shall  
 80-62 be treated like the issuance of a new specialty license plate [~~+~~  
 80-63 ~~except that the department may require a nonrefundable design fee~~].

80-64 (b) Any nonprofit entity [~~person~~] may submit an application  
 80-65 to the department to sponsor a new specialty license plate [~~by~~  
 80-66 ~~submitting an application to the department~~]. An application may  
 80-67 nominate a state agency to receive funds derived from the issuance  
 80-68 of the license plates. The application may also identify uses to  
 80-69 which those funds should be appropriated.



81-1 SECTION 208. Section 504.851, Transportation Code, is  
81-2 amended by adding Subsection (m) to read as follows:

81-3 (m) If the vendor ceases operation:

81-4 (1) the program may be operated temporarily by the  
81-5 department under new agreements with the plate sponsors until  
81-6 another vendor is selected and commences operation; and

81-7 (2) the vendor's share of the revenue shall be  
81-8 deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

81-9 SECTION 209. Section 504.853(d), Transportation Code, is  
81-10 amended to read as follows:

81-11 (d) The department may not issue a replacement set of  
81-12 personalized license plates to the same person before the period  
81-13 set by rule [~~sixth anniversary of the date of issuance~~] unless the  
81-14 applicant for issuance of replacement plates pays an additional fee  
81-15 of \$30.

81-16 SECTION 210. Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended  
81-17 by adding Subchapter K to read as follows:

81-18 SUBCHAPTER K. TRANSFER AND REMOVAL OF LICENSE PLATES

81-19 Sec. 504.901. TRANSFER AND REMOVAL OF LICENSE PLATES. (a)  
81-20 On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a dealer who holds a  
81-21 general distinguishing number issued under Chapter 503, the dealer  
81-22 shall remove each license plate issued for the motor vehicle. A  
81-23 person may use the license plates removed from a motor vehicle on a  
81-24 new motor vehicle purchased from a dealer after the person obtains  
81-25 the department's approval of a title and registration application.

81-26 (b) On the sale or transfer of a motor vehicle to a person  
81-27 who does not hold a general distinguishing number issued under  
81-28 Chapter 503, the seller may remove each license plate issued for the  
81-29 motor vehicle. The license plates may be transferred to another  
81-30 vehicle titled in the seller's name if the seller obtains:

81-31 (1) the department's approval of an application to  
81-32 transfer the license plates; and

81-33 (2) a new registration insignia for the motor vehicle.

81-34 (c) A license plate removed from a motor vehicle that is not  
81-35 transferred to another motor vehicle must be disposed of in a manner  
81-36 specified by the department.

81-37 (d) To be eligible for transfer, license plates must be  
81-38 appropriate for the class of vehicle to which the plates are being  
81-39 transferred.

81-40 SECTION 211. Chapter 504, Transportation Code, is amended  
81-41 by adding Subchapter L to read as follows:

81-42 SUBCHAPTER L. OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

81-43 Sec. 504.941. ANTIQUE VEHICLES; OFFENSE. (a) A person who  
81-44 violates Section 504.502 commits an offense. An offense under this  
81-45 section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 or  
81-46 more than \$200.

81-47 (b) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this  
81-48 section that at the time of the offense the vehicle was en route to  
81-49 or from a location for the purpose of routine maintenance of the  
81-50 vehicle.

81-51 Sec. 504.942. LOG LOADER VEHICLES; PENALTIES. A vehicle  
81-52 operated in violation of Section 504.506 is considered to be  
81-53 operated or moved while unregistered and is immediately subject to  
81-54 the applicable fees and penalties prescribed by this chapter.

81-55 Sec. 504.943. OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITHOUT LICENSE PLATE.

81-56 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a person commits an  
81-57 offense if the person operates on a public highway, during a  
81-58 registration period, a motor vehicle that does not display two  
81-59 license plates that:

81-60 (1) have been assigned by the department for the  
81-61 period; and

81-62 (2) comply with department rules regarding the  
81-63 placement of license plates.

81-64 (b) A person commits an offense if the person operates on a  
81-65 public highway during a registration period a road tractor,  
81-66 motorcycle, trailer, or semitrailer that does not display a license  
81-67 plate that:

81-68 (1) has been assigned by the department for the  
81-69 period; and

82-1 (2) complies with department rules regarding the  
 82-2 placement of license plates.

82-3 (c) This section does not apply to a dealer operating a  
 82-4 vehicle as provided by law.

82-5 (d) A court may dismiss a charge brought under Subsection  
 82-6 (a)(1) if the defendant:

82-7 (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first  
 82-8 court appearance; and

82-9 (2) pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$10.

82-10 SECTION 212. Section 502.408, Transportation Code, is  
 82-11 transferred to Subchapter L, Chapter 504, Transportation Code, as  
 82-12 added by this Act, redesignated as Section 504.944, Transportation  
 82-13 Code, and amended to read as follows:

82-14 Sec. 504.944 [~~502.408~~]. OPERATION OF VEHICLE WITH WRONG  
 82-15 LICENSE PLATE. [~~(a)~~] A person commits an offense if the person  
 82-16 operates, or as the owner permits another to operate, on a public  
 82-17 highway a motor vehicle that has attached to it a number plate or  
 82-18 registration insignia issued for a different vehicle. An offense  
 82-19 under this section [~~subsection~~] is a misdemeanor punishable by a  
 82-20 fine not to exceed \$200.

82-21 SECTION 213. Subchapter L, Chapter 504, Transportation  
 82-22 Code, as added by this Act, is amended by adding Section 504.945 to  
 82-23 read as follows:

82-24 Sec. 504.945. WRONG, FICTITIOUS, ALTERED, OR OBSCURED  
 82-25 LICENSE PLATE. (a) A person commits an offense if the person  
 82-26 attaches to or displays on a motor vehicle a license plate that:

82-27 (1) is issued for a different motor vehicle;

82-28 (2) is issued for the vehicle under any other motor  
 82-29 vehicle law other than by the department;

82-30 (3) is assigned for a registration period other than  
 82-31 the registration period in effect;

82-32 (4) is fictitious;

82-33 (5) has blurring or reflective matter that  
 82-34 significantly impairs the readability of the name of the state in  
 82-35 which the vehicle is registered or the letters or numbers of the  
 82-36 license plate number at any time;

82-37 (6) has an attached illuminated device or sticker,  
 82-38 decal, emblem, or other insignia that is not authorized by law and  
 82-39 that interferes with the readability of the letters or numbers of  
 82-40 the license plate number or the name of the state in which the  
 82-41 vehicle is registered; or

82-42 (7) has a coating, covering, protective substance, or  
 82-43 other material that:

82-44 (A) distorts angular visibility or  
 82-45 detectability;

82-46 (B) alters or obscures one-half or more of the  
 82-47 name of the state in which the vehicle is registered; or

82-48 (C) alters or obscures the letters or numbers of  
 82-49 the license plate number or the color of the plate.

82-50 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (e), an offense under  
 82-51 Subsection (a) is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more  
 82-52 than \$200, unless it is shown at the trial of the offense that the  
 82-53 owner knowingly altered or made illegible the letters, numbers, and  
 82-54 other identification marks, in which case the offense is a Class B  
 82-55 misdemeanor.

82-56 (c) Subsection (a)(7) may not be construed to apply to:

82-57 (1) a trailer hitch installed on a vehicle in a normal  
 82-58 or customary manner;

82-59 (2) a transponder, as defined by Section 228.057, that  
 82-60 is attached to a vehicle in the manner required by the issuing  
 82-61 authority;

82-62 (3) a wheelchair lift or wheelchair carrier that is  
 82-63 attached to a vehicle in a normal or customary manner;

82-64 (4) a trailer being towed by a vehicle; or

82-65 (5) a bicycle or motorcycle rack that is attached to a  
 82-66 vehicle in a normal or customary manner.

82-67 (d) A court may dismiss a charge brought under Subsection  
 82-68 (a)(3), (5), (6), or (7) if the defendant:

82-69 (1) remedies the defect before the defendant's first

83-1 court appearance; and

83-2 (2) pays an administrative fee not to exceed \$10.

83-3 (e) An offense under Subsection (a)(4) is a Class B  
83-4 misdemeanor.

83-5 SECTION 214. Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation  
83-6 Code, is amended by adding Sections 520.003 and 520.004 to read as  
83-7 follows:

83-8 Sec. 520.003. RULES; WAIVER OF FEES. The department may  
83-9 adopt rules to administer this chapter, including rules that waive  
83-10 the payment of fees if a dealer has gone out of business and the  
83-11 applicant can show that fees were paid to the dealer.

83-12 Sec. 520.004. DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES. The department  
83-13 has jurisdiction over the registration and titling of, and the  
83-14 issuance of license plates to, motor vehicles in compliance with  
83-15 the applicable statutes. The board by rule:

83-16 (1) shall provide services that are reasonable,  
83-17 adequate, and efficient;

83-18 (2) shall establish standards for uniformity and  
83-19 service quality for counties and dealers licensed under Section  
83-20 520.005; and

83-21 (3) may conduct public service education campaigns  
83-22 related to the department's functions.

83-23 SECTION 215. Section 501.137, Transportation Code, is  
83-24 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
83-25 redesignated as Section 520.005, Transportation Code, and amended  
83-26 to read as follows:

83-27 Sec. 520.005 [501.137]. DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF  
83-28 COUNTY ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. (a) Each county assessor-collector  
83-29 shall comply with Chapter 501 [this chapter].

83-30 (b) An assessor-collector who fails or refuses to comply  
83-31 with Chapter 501 [this chapter] is liable on the  
83-32 assessor-collector's official bond for resulting damages suffered  
83-33 by any person.

83-34 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of Sections 520.008  
83-35 and 520.0091, the assessor-collector may license franchised and  
83-36 non-franchised motor vehicle dealers to title and register motor  
83-37 vehicles in accordance with rules adopted under Section 520.004.  
83-38 The county assessor-collector may pay a fee to a motor vehicle  
83-39 dealer independent of or as part of the portion of the fees that  
83-40 would be collected by the county for each title and registration  
83-41 receipt issued.

83-42 SECTION 216. Section 502.109, Transportation Code, is  
83-43 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
83-44 redesignated as Section 520.006, Transportation Code, and amended  
83-45 to read as follows:

83-46 Sec. 520.006 [502.109]. COMPENSATION OF ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR.

83-47 (a) A county assessor-collector shall receive a fee of \$1.90 for  
83-48 each receipt issued under Chapter 502 [this chapter. If the  
83-49 assessor-collector may be compensated by fees, a fee received is  
83-50 compensation for services under this chapter. The  
83-51 assessor-collector shall deduct the fee weekly from the gross  
83-52 collections made under this chapter].

83-53 (a-1) A county collecting fees on behalf of a county that  
83-54 has been declared as a disaster area for purposes of Section 501.023  
83-55 or 502.040 may retain the commission for fees collected, but shall  
83-56 allocate the fees to the county declared as a disaster area.

83-57 (b) A county assessor-collector who is compensated under  
83-58 this section shall pay the entire expense of issuing registration  
83-59 receipts and license plates under Chapter 501 or 502 [this chapter]  
83-60 from the compensation allowed under this section.

83-61 SECTION 217. Section 502.111, Transportation Code, is  
83-62 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
83-63 redesignated as Section 520.007, Transportation Code, and amended  
83-64 to read as follows:

83-65 Sec. 520.007 [502.111]. COUNTY BRANCH OFFICES. (a) The  
83-66 commissioners court of a county may authorize the county  
83-67 assessor-collector to:

83-68 (1) establish a suboffice or branch office for vehicle  
83-69 registration at one or more locations in the county other than the

84-1 county courthouse; or

84-2 (2) appoint a deputy to register vehicles in the same  
84-3 manner and with the same authority as though done in the office of  
84-4 the assessor-collector.

84-5 (b) The report of vehicles registered through a suboffice or  
84-6 branch office shall be made through the office of the county  
84-7 assessor-collector.

84-8 SECTION 218. Section 502.114, Transportation Code, is  
84-9 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
84-10 redesignated as Section 520.008, Transportation Code, and amended  
84-11 to read as follows:

84-12 Sec. 520.008 [~~502.114~~]. FULL-SERVICE DEPUTIES. (a) A  
84-13 full-service deputy appointed under Section 520.0091 [~~502.112~~]  
84-14 shall accept any application for registration, registration  
84-15 renewal, or title transfer that the county assessor-collector may  
84-16 accept.

84-17 (b) A full-service deputy may charge and retain an  
84-18 additional motor vehicle registration fee not to exceed \$5 for each  
84-19 motor vehicle registration issued.

84-20 (c) A county assessor-collector may delegate to a  
84-21 full-service deputy, in the manner selected by the  
84-22 assessor-collector, the authority to use data processing equipment  
84-23 and software provided by the department for use in the titling and  
84-24 registration of motor vehicles. The department may not limit a  
84-25 county assessor-collector's ability to delegate the  
84-26 assessor-collector's functions regarding the titling and  
84-27 registration of motor vehicles to a qualified full-service deputy  
84-28 in the manner the assessor-collector considers appropriate.

84-29 SECTION 219. Section 502.113, Transportation Code, is  
84-30 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
84-31 redesignated as Section 520.009, Transportation Code, and amended  
84-32 to read as follows:

84-33 Sec. 520.009 [~~502.113~~]. LIMITED-SERVICE DEPUTIES. (a) A  
84-34 limited-service deputy appointed under Section 520.0091 [~~502.112~~]  
84-35 may only accept registration renewals [~~renewal cards~~] provided by  
84-36 the department and may not prepare or accept an application for  
84-37 title transfer.

84-38 (b) The county assessor-collector may pay a limited-service  
84-39 deputy an amount not to exceed the fee the assessor-collector could  
84-40 collect under Section 520.006(a) [~~502.109(a)~~] for each  
84-41 registration receipt issued. The commissioners court of the county  
84-42 may permit a limited-service deputy to charge and retain an  
84-43 additional fee not to exceed \$1 for each registration receipt  
84-44 issued by the deputy.

84-45 SECTION 220. Section 502.112, Transportation Code, is  
84-46 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code, and  
84-47 redesignated as Section 520.0091, Transportation Code, to read as  
84-48 follows:

84-49 Sec. 520.0091 [~~502.112~~]. DEPUTY ASSESSOR-COLLECTORS.

84-50 (a) A county assessor-collector, with the approval of the  
84-51 commissioners court of the county, may deputize an individual or  
84-52 business entity to:

84-53 (1) issue motor vehicle registration receipts as a  
84-54 limited-service deputy; or

84-55 (2) issue motor vehicle registration receipts and  
84-56 prepare or accept applications for title transfers as a  
84-57 full-service deputy.

84-58 (b) An individual or business entity is eligible to be  
84-59 deputized as a limited-service deputy if the person:

84-60 (1) is trained to issue registration receipts by the  
84-61 county assessor-collector; and

84-62 (2) posts a bond payable to the county  
84-63 assessor-collector:

84-64 (A) in an amount determined by the  
84-65 assessor-collector; and

84-66 (B) conditioned on the person's proper  
84-67 accounting and remittance of all fees the person collects.

84-68 (c) An individual or business entity is eligible to be  
84-69 deputized as a full-service deputy if the person:

85-1 (1) meets the requirements of Subsection (b); and  
85-2 (2) has experience in title transfers.

85-3 (d) A person deputized under this section shall keep a  
85-4 separate account of the fees collected and a record of daily  
85-5 receipts.

85-6 SECTION 221. Section 501.136, Transportation Code, is  
85-7 transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
85-8 redesignated as Section 520.0092, Transportation Code, and amended  
85-9 to read as follows:

85-10 Sec. 520.0092 [~~501.136~~]. ACTS BY DEPUTY COUNTY  
85-11 ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR. A deputy county assessor-collector, other  
85-12 than a limited service deputy appointed under Section 520.0091  
85-13 [~~502.112~~], may perform the duties of an assessor-collector under  
85-14 Chapter 501 [~~this chapter~~].

85-15 SECTION 222. Section 520.002, Transportation Code, is  
85-16 redesignated as Section 520.0093, Transportation Code, and amended  
85-17 to read as follows:

85-18 Sec. 520.0093 [~~520.002~~]. LEASE OF ADDITIONAL COMPUTER  
85-19 EQUIPMENT. (a) This section applies only to the lease of equipment  
85-20 to a county for the operation of the automated registration and  
85-21 titling [~~title~~] system in addition to the equipment provided by the  
85-22 department at no cost to the county under a formula prescribed by  
85-23 the department.

85-24 (b) On the request of the tax assessor-collector of a  
85-25 county, the department may enter into an agreement with the  
85-26 commissioners court of that county under which the department  
85-27 leases additional equipment to the county for the use of the tax  
85-28 assessor-collector in operating the automated registration and  
85-29 titling [~~title~~] system in that county.

85-30 (c) A county may install equipment leased under this section  
85-31 at offices of the county or of an agent of the county.

85-32 (d) Equipment leased under this section:

85-33 (1) remains the property of the department; and

85-34 (2) must be used primarily for the automated  
85-35 registration and titling [~~title~~] system.

85-36 (e) Under the agreement, the department shall charge [~~the~~  
85-37 ~~county~~] an amount not less than the amount of the cost to the  
85-38 department to provide the additional equipment and any related  
85-39 services under the lease. All money collected under the lease shall  
85-40 be deposited to the credit of the state highway fund.

85-41 SECTION 223. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 520,  
85-42 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

85-43 SUBCHAPTER B. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS [~~MOTOR NUMBER RECORD~~  
85-44 ~~REQUIREMENTS~~]

85-45 SECTION 224. Subchapter B, Chapter 520, Transportation  
85-46 Code, is amended by adding Section 520.015 to read as follows:

85-47 Sec. 520.015. INFORMATION CONSOLIDATION STUDY. (a) In  
85-48 consultation with the Department of Public Safety, the department  
85-49 shall conduct a study on the consolidation of similar information  
85-50 that is collected separately by each agency. The study should  
85-51 include recommendations that sufficiently protect the privacy of  
85-52 the public and the security and integrity of information provided.

85-53 (b) The study must be completed not later than September 1,  
85-54 2012.

85-55 SECTION 225. Section 520.036, Transportation Code, is  
85-56 transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 520, Transportation Code,  
85-57 redesignated as Section 520.016, Transportation Code, and amended  
85-58 to read as follows:

85-59 Sec. 520.016 [~~520.036~~]. GENERAL PENALTY. (a) A person  
85-60 commits an offense if the person violates this subchapter in a  
85-61 manner for which a specific penalty is not provided.

85-62 (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor  
85-63 punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 and not more than \$200.

85-64 (c) This section does not apply to a violation of Section  
85-65 520.006, 520.008, 520.009, 520.0091, or 520.0092.

85-66 SECTION 226. Section 520.051(5), Transportation Code, is  
85-67 amended to read as follows:

85-68 (5) "Title service record" means the written or  
85-69 electronic record for each transaction in which a motor vehicle

86-1 title service receives compensation.

86-2 SECTION 227. Section 548.052, Transportation Code, is  
86-3 amended to read as follows:

86-4 Sec. 548.052. VEHICLES NOT SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. This  
86-5 chapter does not apply to:

86-6 (1) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile  
86-7 home moving under or bearing a current factory-delivery license  
86-8 plate or current in-transit license plate;

86-9 (2) a vehicle moving under or bearing a paper dealer  
86-10 in-transit tag, machinery license, disaster license, parade  
86-11 license, prorate tab, one-trip permit, vehicle temporary transit  
86-12 permit, antique license, temporary 24-hour permit, or permit  
86-13 license;

86-14 (3) a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile  
86-15 home having an actual gross weight or registered gross weight of  
86-16 4,500 pounds or less;

86-17 (4) farm machinery, road-building equipment, a farm  
86-18 trailer, or a vehicle required to display a slow-moving-vehicle  
86-19 emblem under Section 547.703;

86-20 (5) a former military vehicle, as defined by Section  
86-21 504.502 [~~502.275~~];

86-22 (6) a vehicle qualified for a tax exemption under  
86-23 Section 152.092, Tax Code; or

86-24 (7) a vehicle for which a certificate of title has been  
86-25 issued but that is not required to be registered.

86-26 SECTION 228. Section 681.012(a-1), Transportation Code, is  
86-27 amended to read as follows:

86-28 (a-1) A peace officer may seize a disabled parking placard  
86-29 from a person who operates a vehicle on which a disabled parking  
86-30 placard is displayed if the peace officer determines by inspecting  
86-31 the person's driver's license or personal identification  
86-32 certificate that the disabled parking placard does not contain the  
86-33 first four digits of the driver's license number or personal  
86-34 identification certificate number and the initials of:

86-35 (1) the person operating the vehicle; [~~or~~]

86-36 (2) the applicant on behalf of a person being  
86-37 transported by the vehicle; or

86-38 (3) a person being transported by the vehicle.

86-39 SECTION 229. Section 386.251(c), Health and Safety Code, is  
86-40 amended to read as follows:

86-41 (c) The fund consists of:

86-42 (1) the amount of money deposited to the credit of the  
86-43 fund under:

86-44 (A) Section 386.056;

86-45 (B) Sections 151.0515 and 152.0215, Tax Code; and

86-46 (C) Sections 501.138, 502.358 [~~502.1675~~], and  
86-47 548.5055, Transportation Code; and

86-48 (2) grant money recaptured under Section 386.111(d)  
86-49 and Chapter 391.

86-50 SECTION 230. Section 2302.204, Occupations Code, is amended  
86-51 to read as follows:

86-52 Sec. 2302.204. CASUAL SALES. This chapter does not apply to  
86-53 a person who purchases fewer than five [~~three~~] nonrepairable motor  
86-54 vehicles or salvage motor vehicles from a salvage vehicle dealer,  
86-55 an insurance company or salvage pool operator in a casual sale at  
86-56 auction, except that:

86-57 (1) the board shall adopt rules as necessary to  
86-58 regulate casual sales by salvage vehicle dealers, insurance  
86-59 companies, or salvage pool operators and to enforce this section;  
86-60 and

86-61 (2) a salvage vehicle dealer, insurance company, or  
86-62 salvage pool operator who sells a motor vehicle in a casual sale  
86-63 shall comply with those rules and Subchapter E, Chapter 501,  
86-64 Transportation Code.

86-65 SECTION 231. The following provisions of the Transportation  
86-66 Code are repealed:

86-67 (1) Sections 501.026 and 501.075;

86-68 (2) Sections 501.094 and 501.133;

86-69 (3) Sections 501.134(e), (f), and (i);

- 87-1 (4) Sections 502.0074, 502.0075, 502.008, 502.104,
- 87-2 502.105, 502.1535, 502.154, 502.175, 502.177, 502.206, 502.271,
- 87-3 502.2862, and 502.2971;
- 87-4 (5) Sections 502.403 and 502.405;
- 87-5 (6) Section 502.407(c);
- 87-6 (7) Section 502.412(c);
- 87-7 (8) Sections 502.452, 502.453, 502.455, and 502.456;
- 87-8 (9) Section 504.201(h);
- 87-9 (10) Section 504.316(b);
- 87-10 (11) Section 504.401(b);
- 87-11 (12) Section 504.402(b);
- 87-12 (13) Section 504.403(b);
- 87-13 (14) Section 504.404(b);
- 87-14 (15) Section 504.405(b);
- 87-15 (16) Section 504.502(j);
- 87-16 (17) Section 504.506(f);
- 87-17 (18) Section 504.507(c);
- 87-18 (19) Section 504.508(d);
- 87-19 (20) Sections 504.624, 504.629, 504.634, 504.643,
- 87-20 504.649, 504.650, 504.653, 504.655, and 504.701;
- 87-21 (21) Section 504.702(c);
- 87-22 (22) Sections 520.013 and 520.034;
- 87-23 (23) the headings to Subchapters C and D, Chapter 520;
- 87-24 and
- 87-25 (24) Section 681.005(2).

SECTION 232. (a) The change in law made by this Act applies only to an offense committed on or after January 1, 2012.

(b) An offense committed before January 1, 2012, is covered by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For purposes of this subsection, an offense was committed before January 1, 2012, if any element of the offense was committed before that date.

SECTION 233. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails over another Act of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes.

SECTION 234. This Act takes effect January 1, 2012.

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