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H.B. No. 2475

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to vehicle registration requirements for deployed active
3 military personnel.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 502.0025, Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 502.0025. EFFECT OF CERTAIN MILITARY SERVICE ON
8 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT. (a) This section applies only to a
9 ~~[motor vehicle that is owned by a]~~ person who:

- 10 (1) is a resident of this state;
- 11 (2) is on active duty in the armed forces of the United
12 States; and
- 13 (3) is stationed in or has been assigned to another
14 nation under military orders.

15 (b) A person to whom this section applies:

16 (1) except as provided by Subsection (c), shall
17 register a motor vehicle that the person owns under Section
18 502.002(a); and

19 (2) is exempt from paying fees for vehicle
20 registration or renewal of vehicle registration, not including a
21 registration or renewal fee for a vehicle issued specialty or
22 personalized license plates or any additional or optional fee
23 authorized or imposed by this chapter.

24 (c) A person to whom this section applies is exempt from the

1 registration requirement in Section 502.002(a) if:

2 (1) the person [~~7~~ and ~~(4)~~] has registered the vehicle
3 or been issued a license for the vehicle under the applicable status
4 of forces agreement by:

5 (A) the appropriate branch of the armed forces of
6 the United States; or

7 (B) the nation in which the person is stationed
8 or to which the person has been assigned; and [~~7~~]

9 (2) [~~(b) Unless~~] the registration or license issued
10 for the [~~a~~] vehicle has not been [~~described by Subsection (a) is~~]
11 suspended, canceled, or revoked by this state as provided by law. [~~+~~

12 [~~(1) Section 502.002(a) does not apply, and~~]

13 (d) A [~~(2) the~~] registration or license issued by the armed
14 forces or host nation under Subsection (c)(1) remains valid and the
15 motor vehicle may be operated in this state under that registration
16 or license for a period of not more than 90 days after the date on
17 which the vehicle returns to this state.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.