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H.B. No. 2960

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to vehicles used for the purpose of participating in
3 equine activities or attending livestock shows.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 502.163(b), Transportation Code, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (b) A commercial motor vehicle may be registered under this
8 section despite its use for transporting without charge the owner
9 or a member of the owner's family:

10 (1) to attend church or school;

11 (2) to visit a doctor for medical treatment or
12 supplies; ~~or~~

13 (3) for other necessities of the home or family; or

14 (4) for the purpose of participating in equine
15 activities or attending livestock shows, as defined by Section
16 87.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

17 SECTION 2. Section 504.504(b), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (b) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is
20 used only temporarily on the highways if the vehicle is:

21 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross
22 weight of more than 4,000 pounds but not more than 34,000 pounds
23 that is used exclusively ~~[to transport]~~:

24 (A) to transport seasonally harvested

1 agricultural products or livestock from the place of production to
2 the place of processing, market, or storage; [~~or~~]

3 (B) to transport farm supplies from the place of
4 loading to the farm; or

5 (C) for the purpose of participating in equine
6 activities or attending livestock shows, as defined by Section
7 87.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code;

8 (2) machinery used exclusively for the purpose of
9 drilling water wells; or

10 (3) construction machinery that is not designed to
11 transport persons or property on a public highway.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.