

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) to attend church or school;

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2960 was passed by the House on May 11, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 148, Nays 1, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2960 was passed by the Senate on May 25, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor