

1-1 By: Darby, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 2960
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2011;
1-3 May 12, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Transportation and Homeland Security; May 20, 2011, reported
1-5 favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 20, 2011,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to vehicles used for the purpose of participating in
1-10 equine activities or attending livestock shows.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 502.163(b), Transportation Code, is
1-13 amended to read as follows:

1-14 (b) A commercial motor vehicle may be registered under this
1-15 section despite its use for transporting without charge the owner
1-16 or a member of the owner's family:

1-17 (1) to attend church or school;

1-18 (2) to visit a doctor for medical treatment or
1-19 supplies; ~~or~~

1-20 (3) for other necessities of the home or family; or

1-21 (4) for the purpose of participating in equine
1-22 activities or attending livestock shows, as defined by Section
1-23 87.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code.

1-24 SECTION 2. Section 504.504(b), Transportation Code, is
1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (b) An owner is not required to register a vehicle that is
1-27 used only temporarily on the highways if the vehicle is:

1-28 (1) a farm trailer or farm semitrailer with a gross
1-29 weight of more than 4,000 pounds but not more than 34,000 pounds
1-30 that is used exclusively ~~to transport~~:

1-31 (A) to transport seasonally harvested
1-32 agricultural products or livestock from the place of production to
1-33 the place of processing, market, or storage; ~~or~~

1-34 (B) to transport farm supplies from the place of
1-35 loading to the farm; or

1-36 (C) for the purpose of participating in equine
1-37 activities or attending livestock shows, as defined by Section
1-38 87.001, Civil Practice and Remedies Code;

1-39 (2) machinery used exclusively for the purpose of
1-40 drilling water wells; or

1-41 (3) construction machinery that is not designed to
1-42 transport persons or property on a public highway.

1-43 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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